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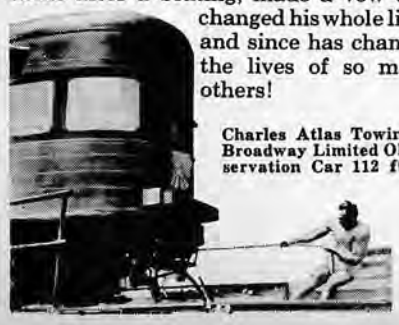

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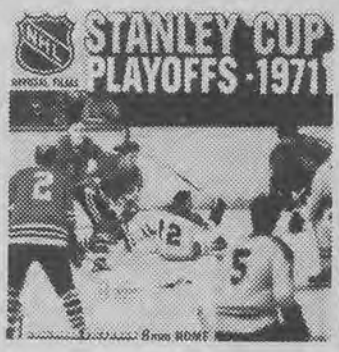

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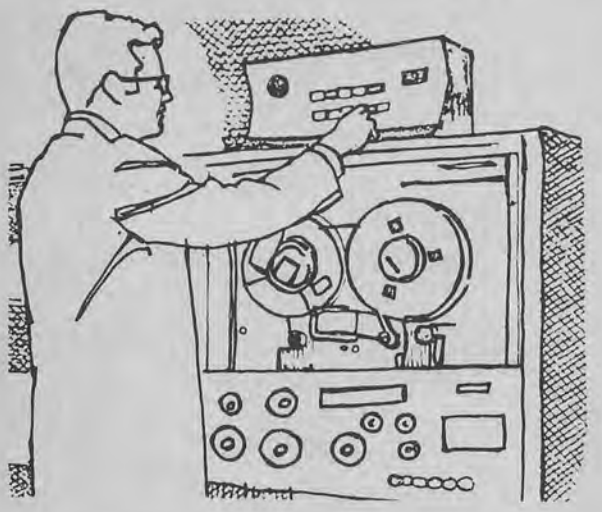

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MANHATTAN

Manhattan has a chance to be the East's premier basketball team.

Coach Jack Powers opens the 1973-74 season with all but two lettermen from the sophomore laden squad which recorded a 16-9 mark a year ago.

There is great talent on the club, led by 6-10, 230-pound junior Bill Campion, who, at times, last season showed tremendous potential. He finished the season as the Jaspers' leading scorer (14.0) and was among the top rebounders in the country (15.5), including a single game high of 30.

"Billy had a great sophomore year and still made some glaring errors," said Powers. "He's come a long way and now has to be one of the nation's outstanding big men. I haven't seen any big man in the country handle the ball and pass like now. Now all he has to do is learn to shoot more."

Joining Campion up front will be 6-6 junior Tom Reilly, who averaged 8.2 points and 5.6 rebounds and 6-8 John Connors, a senior who missed virtually all of last season recovering from knee surgery.

The Jaspers are well stocked in the backcourt with Charlie Mahoney, George Bucci, Gerry Oswald and John Hurley. Mahoney, a "hot-doggish" junior, averaged 13.7 points and led the Jaspers in assists and was named to the All-Holiday Festival all star squad. Bucci, a leaping 6-3 junior, averaged 13.6 points and grabbed 9.6 rebounds while being used as a swingman last season. Oswald and Hurley saw limited action, averaging 2.5 and 1.3 points, respectively.

Manhattan led the nation in rebounding a year ago with a differential of 18.5 a game, and there's every indication the club could do it again. The schedule is more demanding than last year, but, then again, the club figures to be much improved.

VILLANOVA

Villanova, under new coach Rollie Massimino, could be a huge surprise in the East this season.

Gone are Tom Ingelsby and Ed Hastins, last year's starting back court. However, Massimino has 10 lettermen returning, including three starters and three players who at various times during the season also performed in starting roles.

And the freshman that Massimino recruited are as impressive a group as Villanova has had in recent years.

The returnees in the back court are 6-3 junior Billy Harris and 6-1 junior Ed Manning. Harris, who averaged 7.2 points, was a starter most of the season—Villanova used a three guard offense—while Connelly hit for 3.6 points in a reserve role. They will have to battle off new prospects including 6-1 Chubby Cox, 5-11 Allen Ferguson and 6-0 Joe Rogers, all freshman, and transfer 5-10 Tom Melchionni.

Larry Moody, Bob Sebastian, Jim Berrang, Mike Stack, Mike Connelly and John Gaspar are the returning forwards. Moody, a 6-7 senior, is a two year starter, averaging 9.9 points and 6.2 rebounds last season. Sebastian, a 6-6 junior, saw action in every game and was the Wildcats' second leading rebounder. Berrang a 6-6 junior was a starter the latter half of the campaign, hitting a 3.3 clip. Stack averaged 3.3 as a freshman, while Connelly and Gaspar saw limited action. Three frosh will be in the picture this time, 6-7 John Olive, 6-5 Gerald Trapp, and the highly touted 6-7 Larry Herron.

Dimitrus Alson, a 6-6 senior who played in 17 games (1.3), 6-8 senior Gary Jentz and 6-9 Tom Guellich are the center prospects.

Massimino enjoyed a winning tradition at Penn where he was an assistant and the form should hold up at Villanova.

ST. JOHN'S

Lou Carnesecca, who won 100 games in five years at St. John's, returns after a three year stint with the New York Nets of the American Basketball Association.

He comes back to a team that has just about all the necessary requirements for basketball success save the most important—height.

Ed Searcy, a 6-7 senior, is St. John's biggest and most experienced player. He grabbed 13.7 rebounds a game last year and added 13.2 points. Searcy will start at center and will have to stay out of foul trouble in order for the Redmen to be a successful club.

Bill "Beaver" Smith, a 6-4 sophomore, who hit for 5.8 points and 4.7 rebounds after joining the club at mid-semester, figures to start at one forward along with 6-4 Kevin Cluess, who averaged 10.8. Ron McGugins, a 6-6 sophomore, will see plenty of action up front, especially against teams with a lot of muscle.

There are no problems in the back court. St. John's can match its duo against almost any club in the country.

Mel Utley, a 6-3 junior, averaged 13.0 points and five assists per contest and is superb on defense. Utley already has the pro scouts drooling over his pending arrival. The other starter at guard will be 5-9 sophomore Frank Alagia, a 7.4 scorer and second in assists. Alagia is likely to be more effective after Carnesecca convinces his playmaker that there are simple ways to make passes.

Backing the starters up will be 6-1 junior Danny Gallagher, 6-3 sophomore Pat Kearney, 6-2 Dennis McIntyre, 6-2 Kevin Raftery, 6-3 sophomore Gene Romeo and 6-3 sophomore Ray Wolff.

SYRACUSE

When you've won 65 of your last 83 games and been to three straight post season tournaments, its a sign of an ongoing basketball program and that's exactly what coach Roy Danforth has at Syracuse.

The Orange have been 19-7, 22-6, and 24-5 respectively in the last three years and once again have a chance at a 20-victory season. Three starters are back and one of them, guard Dennis "Sweet D" DuVal is probably the top backcourt senior in the country.

DuVal, a 6-2 superstar, averaged 19.5 points a game, tops on the club, and was also the leader in assists. He has uncanny moves and was at his best last season in the pressure games.

Joining DuVal in the back court will be 6-2 junior Jim Lee, who hit at an 8.9 norm last season, when he was used as the sixth man. There's not much in the way of reserve help. Don Degner, a 6-4 junior, 6-0 senior Scott Stapleton and 6-3 senior Bill Suprunowicz all saw limited action.

Up front, the Orange have two starters returning — 6-8 junior forward Rudy Hackett, and 6-5 senior center Bob Dooms.

Hackett showed steady improvement through the course of the season and finished with 12.1 points and a club leading 9.6 rebounds a game. Dooms, a starter for the third straight season, has been called too small, too slow and too poor a shooter to be effective. Yet, last season, he averaged 7.9 points and 6.6 rebounds while making 53 per cent of his field goal attempts. Dooms' only real problem has been fouling—he was disqualified in eight games a year ago.

The top candidates to fill the vacated forward spot are sophomores 6-4 Chris Sease or 6-5 Mark Meadors, the latter a 20 plus scorer with the Jvs.

DUQUESNE

Coach Red Manning lost only two seniors from a Duquesne club which was 16-8 last season—the leading scorers and third and fourth leading rebounders. Still the outlook for a post season tournament berth looks good.

Leading the group of five returning lettermen is 6-9 senior center Lionel "Big Train" Billingy. Manning is hopeful that the Train can get back on his sophomore track where he averaged 21.6 points. Last season his norm dropped to 14.9 points and 13.6 rebounds.

Returning with Billingy are a pair of junior starters, 6-2 Oscar Jackson and 6-6 Kip McLane. Jackson averaged 13.4 points and showed promise of becoming a great guard, while McLane averaged 7.9 points and 7.2 rebounds.

Also returning is Dave Pavlick, a 6-5 junior forward (3.1), who was the sixth man last season, and 6-4 junior swingman Roland Jones (6.4). The two are likely to fill the open spots in the starting lineup.

Backing up Billingy at center will be a pair of sophomores 6-10 Murry Heikenhous and 6-9 Ray Milligan. Others who will be battling for playing time include 6-4 Jack Yun, 6-4 Bernie O'Keefe and 6-4 Dan Slater—all juniors—and sophs 61 Larry Banaszak and 6-5 Larry Baldasare.

The newcomers are 6-8 Don Gambridge, 6-0 Joe Guilfoyle, 6-5 Don Master, 6-2 Norm Nixon, 6-7 Bill Piekarski and 6-7 John Werner.

Much of the Dukes' success will rest with the performance of Billingy, who must recapture his sophomore form. Otherwise, it could be a tough season, even with a fairly easy schedule.

GEORGE WASHINGTON

Mark down a post season tournament for George Washington. Last year, the Colonels were 17-9. It was the school's most successful campaign in the past 17 seasons. The Colonels might have made a post season bid were it not for a two point loss to Syracuse in the finale.

Coach Carl Slone has four starters and seven of the top 10 players back, with the only significant loss, 6-7 Mike Battle, the second leading scorer and rebounder.

The four returnees are all juniors, headed by Pat Tallent, the leading point producer, and top rebounder Clyde Burwell.

Tallent, a 6-3 guard, averaged 18.8 points and led the team in assists with 104. The 6-11 Burwell averaged 13.1 points, 10.7 rebounds and blocked 109 shots.

Also back are 6-2 guard Keith Morris and 6-6 forward Haviland Harper. Morris, an outstanding playmaker and defensive performer, averaged 7.5 points and was second in assists, while Harper poured in 12 points and pulled down 5.5 rebounds.

The most likely replacement for Battle is 6-5 sophomore Greg Miller, who paced the junior varsity with 18.9 points and 10.2 rebounds. Others with a shot at winning the job are 6-4 senior Tom Rosepink (3.8) and 6-6 junior Bob Shanta.

Slone expects immediate help from two incoming freshmen, 6-1 guard John Holloran and 7-1 Kevin Hall. The other yearlings are 6-0 Richard Waldron, 6-9 Done Bate and 6-10 Jon Van Dorn.

CANISIUS

Despite the loss of four starters, the outlook at Canisius is extremely good. The three big reasons are named Mel Montgomery, Charles Jordan and Jimmy Williams.

This trio of outstanding players might be enough to take the Griffs to a post season bid. There's enough additional help from players who saw a lot of action in reserve roles a year ago.

Montgomery is the only returning starter. The 6-5, 230-pound junior, was the second leading scorer (13.8) and top rebounder (9.9). Three reserves, who saw plenty of action should contend for starting jobs. Kevin Townsel was the top front line reserve

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West Virginia's Warren Baker (40) paces Mountaineers in scoring and rebounding.

LARRY MOODY
Villanova

GREG FOUNTAIN
West Point

FRANK ALAGIA
St. Johns

MIKE DABNEY
Rutgers

CLEVE ROYSTER
Niagara

RANDY MEISTER
Penn State

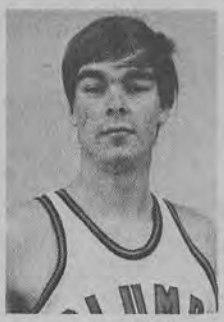
Manhattan's flashy guard Charlie Mahoney was a Holiday Festival All-Star selection.

RUBEN RODRIGUEZ
LIU

FRANK HEYWARD
Fordham

EAST IVY LEAGUE

Soph Bob Bigelow is one reason Pennsylvania is Ivy favorite. He'll start at forward.



BILL CASEY
Columbia

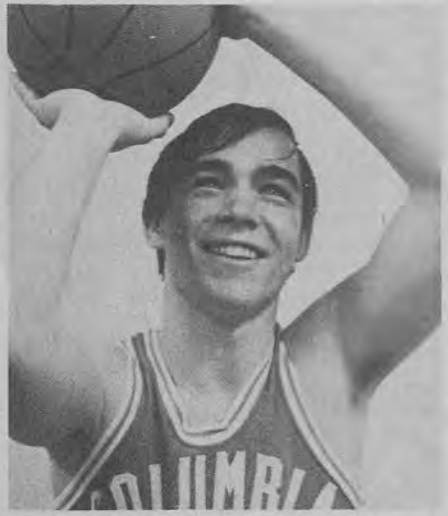
TIM KEARNS
Yale

Phil Brown paces the Brown offense. Last year Horace Mann grad had 15.1 Ivy average.

RANDY EVANS
Cornell

RON HAIGLER
Pennsylvania

LYNN LONCKI
Cornell



John Byrnes has been named Columbia captain. Lions seek to improve on 7-18 mark.

John Beecroft has nailed down guard spot at Penn. His point average is 8.2 p.p.g.

PENN

Penn, along with national champion, UCLA, rates as best bet to win a conference championship this season.

The Quakers are the class of the Ivy League, once again, and are aiming for a fifth straight crown. The club is well balanced and has some great individual players.

Up front coach Chuck Daly has 6-8 junior Ron Haigler (17.0 points and 10.5 rebounds a game), 6-7 sophomore Bob Bigelow (4.3), and 6-8 senior John Jablonski (4.8) along with 6-6 junior Larry Lewis (2.6).

Haigler, the ECAC Rookie of the Year, is the premier player in the Ivy League. He will be joined at forward by Bigelow, who Daly says can be a "super" player.

The center spot figures to go to 6-8 sophomore John Engles, who averaged 20.6 points and 13.2 rebounds a game with the freshmen. He is one of the best sophomores in the country. He'll be backed up by Jablonski and 6-11 sophomore Henry Johnson (12.9 points and 12.4 rebounds as a freshman).

John Beecroft, a 6-1, junior, who averaged 8.2 points last season, will team with either 6-2 senior Bill Finger (3.7) or 6-1 sophomore Ed Stefanski (10.9) at the guards.

"We'll be a strong, physical club with some outstanding individual talent," says Daly, who may be headed for Duke next year. "The success of the club will depend a lot on how well our sophomores come along."

Penn is a lock for the Ivy crown and has to be the favorite to take another Big Five championship.

BROWN

For many years a soft touch in the Ivy League, Brown, under Gerry Alaimo, has quickly developed a potent basketball program. Last year, the Bruins were 10-4 in the Ivy League (14-12) overall and for the most part, used five sophomores in the starting lineup.

The club relied on quickness and experienced most of its difficulties against team's with big front lines. Phil Brown, a 6-5, 180-pounder was the center and while he averaged 15.1 points and 12.7 rebounds, he was often handicapped defensively.

There shouldn't be that problem this season. Dudley Simmons, a 6-6, 225-pound sophomore, is being given the shot as the center spot, which would allow Brown to move to forward. Simmons hit for 18.4 points and grabbed 12.8 bounds with the frosh.

The battle for playing time at forward will be fierce. Jim Busam, a 6-6 junior (7.6), 6-4 junior Vaughn Clarke (11.1) and 6-4 senior Mark Flynn (3.1) are the candidates with Clarke the likely starter. He put on a spectacular show against Maryland in a losing effort last season.

Speedsters Eddie Morris, a 5-10 junior, who averaged 12.2 points, and 6-2 Lloyd Desvigne (7.0)—another junior—started almost every game together at guard a year ago and should hold onto their jobs with 5-8 senior Jim Burke (3.4) and 5-11 sophomore Craig Scott (15.5 with the frosh) in reserve.

Additional help will be provided by 6-3 Bill Almon, 6-2 Jay Regan and 6-1 Dave Raila.

PRINCETON

The top priority for Princeton will be replacing Ted Manakas and his 17.5 point per game average—not to mention his ability to run the ball club. Developing depth at center will also be on coach Pete Carril's mind.

Princeton was 16-9 a year ago (11-3 in the Ivy League) and has seven lettermen returning plus an outstanding group of players moving up from the freshman team. (Continued on page 48)

EAST

MIDDLE ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

LOU PELTZER
St. Joseph's

CHRIS DEVLIN
Rider

Rusty Bracho (12) junior guard is among seven returning lettermen at Bucknell U.

Gerry Kavanaugh was first freshman to make Lafayette varsity in 25 years last season.

PAUL KERR
Bucknell

MIKE MOODY
St. Joseph's

JOHN KNEIB
Temple

EARL BROWN
Lafayette

DWIGHT ADAMS
Hofstra

WOLFGANG FENGLER
Delaware

American's Wilbur Thomas (21) led conference in scoring with 21.6 avg. as soph.

LA SALLE

LaSalle will have a pair of quality returning starters in 6-5 junior Billy Taylor (17.1 points and 6.1 rebounds) and 6-6 senior Joe DiCocco (9.0 points and 9.5 rebounds). If 6-0 sophomore Charlie Wise (7.1), another of last year's regulars, can recover the scholastic eligibility he lost in the second half of the season, the nucleus for success is certainly present.

The Explorers, coached by Paul Westhead, were 15-10 overall and 3-3 in the Middle Atlantic Conference-East last season.

There is plenty of reason to believe that the record will be better this time around. Two newcomers arrive on the varsity, both with previous high school All-American credentials.

Stepping in at center will be 6-10 sophomore Joe Bryant. Two years ago, he was the most sought after player in the Philadelphia area. Varick Cutler, a 6-8 junior transfer from Maryland will provide additional help when he becomes eligible in December.

Seniors 6-1 Steve Baruffi, 5-10 Frank Moffatt and 6-4 Frank Doyle have each seen duty as regulars and key reserves during the past two seasons, so La Salle should not be hurting for depth.

"There's little doubt that things look bright," notes Westhead. "With the solid combination of key holdovers from last season's squad and the addition of some talented new faces, all indications point toward a successful campaign."

Rounding out the squad are 6-8 junior center Kevin McBain, 6-3 Jim Haggarty, 5-10 Steve Wiley, 6-5 senior Joe Rapczynski and 6-9 freshman Donn Wilber.

TEMPLE

The Temple basketball team will have a new look this season, both on the floor and on the bench.

Don Casey has succeeded veteran Harry Litwack, who retired after 21 years as head coach and the presence of eight freshmen recruits, several with a chance to start, provide the Owls with size, speed and depth.

Temple rolled to its 14th straight winning season under Litwack last winter, finishing with a 17-10 record. The Owls lost co-captains Mike Jones (10.1) and Tim Fehrle plus Charlie Gaines. But Casey is confident he will come up with adequate replacements.

The returnees include lettermen John Kneib, Joe Newman, Kevin Washington, Rick Trudeau, Joe Anderson, Dan Kashmer and George Bower, the latter returning after sitting out a year.

Newman, Kneib and Anderson all averaged over 10 points per game. The 6-10 Newman averaged 12.1 points and 8.2 rebounds, Kneib scored at a 12 point clip and Anderson 10.4. Extremely strong under the boards, the 6-4 Anderson averaged 7.9 rebounds, too.

"We have experience and depth in the back court with Kneib, Trudeau (8.4), Washington, Joe Ryman (0.9) and sophomore Bud Elsesser," said Casey. "Jerry Baskerville, and Curtis Taylor (both 6-7) will provide reserve strength."

Leading the list of eight recruits is Wesley Ramseur, a 6-6 forward, called one of the most legitimate blue chip players to ever enter Temple. Others include 6-1 Fran Knoll, 6-3 Dennis Calzonetti, 6-7 Phil Brand, 6-10 Joe Yurkonis, 6-10 Wesley Robinson, 6-5½ Gene Dargen and 6-1 Lou Canelli.

"I think anyone can see that I'll be using a lot of players," Casey added. "And I think we have a good shot at winning the league title."

AMERICAN

A year ago, American posted a 21-5 mark and earned a bid to the National Invitation Tournament.

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EAST

NEW ENGLAND MAJOR INDEPENDENTS

PROVIDENCE

Providence returns only two players from last year's 27-4 NCAA semi-finalist team, but both-6-8 Marvin Barnes and 6-4 Kevin Stacom are All-Americans.

However, coach Dave Gavitt must find a replacement for Ernie DiGregorio, the sensational backcourt player who was Mr. Everything for the past three seasons.

Barnes, who spent the summer at Bryant College getting eligible, averaged 18.5 points and 19.1 rebounds to go with 137 blocked shots last year. He was second nationally in rebounding.

Keving Stacom, drafted in the second round by the Chicago Bulls of the NBA, averaged 17.6 points, hitting 56 percent of his field goal attempts. And now he won't be playing in the shadow of Ernie D.

How well the Friars can surround this duo will determine their success. Top candidates for the two vacant front court posts are 6-6 senior Al Baker (2.5) who has been Barnes' backup the past two years; soph 6-5 Rich Dunphy (20.7 with the JVs) and 6-7 freshman Bob Cooper, who earned All-Service honors the past two years while serving in the Coast Guard.

The player slated to fill DiGregorio's spot is 6-3 junior college transfer Rick Santos. He was a high school teammate of Barnes and averaged 23 points a game at Rhode Island J.C. Other possibilities are sophomores Dave Modest and Ron Norwood and 6-4 freshman, Joe Hassett, who was a high school All-American.

Providence will be hard pressed to duplicate last season's mark. But they're good enough to merit post season consideration again.

BOSTON COLLEGE

Two outstanding recruits along with a sophomore who missed all of last season with injuries can make Boston College one of the outstanding teams in the East this year.

Coach Bob Zuffelato certainly can look forward to a winning season and, quite possibly a post season tournament berth.

The two newcomers who will provide immediate help are 6-11 freshman Paul Berwanger and 6-2 junior college transfer Mel Welden. Berwanger was a prep All-American and could develop into one of the best big men in college ball, while Weldon was a first team junior college All-American at Mercer County Community College, leading the team to the National Championship.

Joining the Eagles after sitting out the 1972-73 campaign with an Achilles tendon injury is 6-8 forward Syd Sheppard, who can rebound with anyone in the country.

To go with the trio, Zuffelato has eight returning lettermen, including 6-0 guard Jere Nolan (11.8), the squad's MVP last season. He'll likely team with Weldon in the back court.

The other front court spot will go to 6-6 sophomore Bob Carrington (12.2 points and 6.7 rebounds), 6-5 senior Dan Kilcullen (12.0) or 6-6 senior Mark Raterink (13.1 points and 7.2 rebounds). Other lettermen include Richie Burke (1.5), 6-6 sophomore Wilfred Morrison (9.4 points and 7.0 rebounds), 6-2 sophomore Willie Taylor (3.0) and 6-2 senior Dave Ulrich (3.5).

Most important for Eagle's fans, the bulk of the club will be around for several more seasons.

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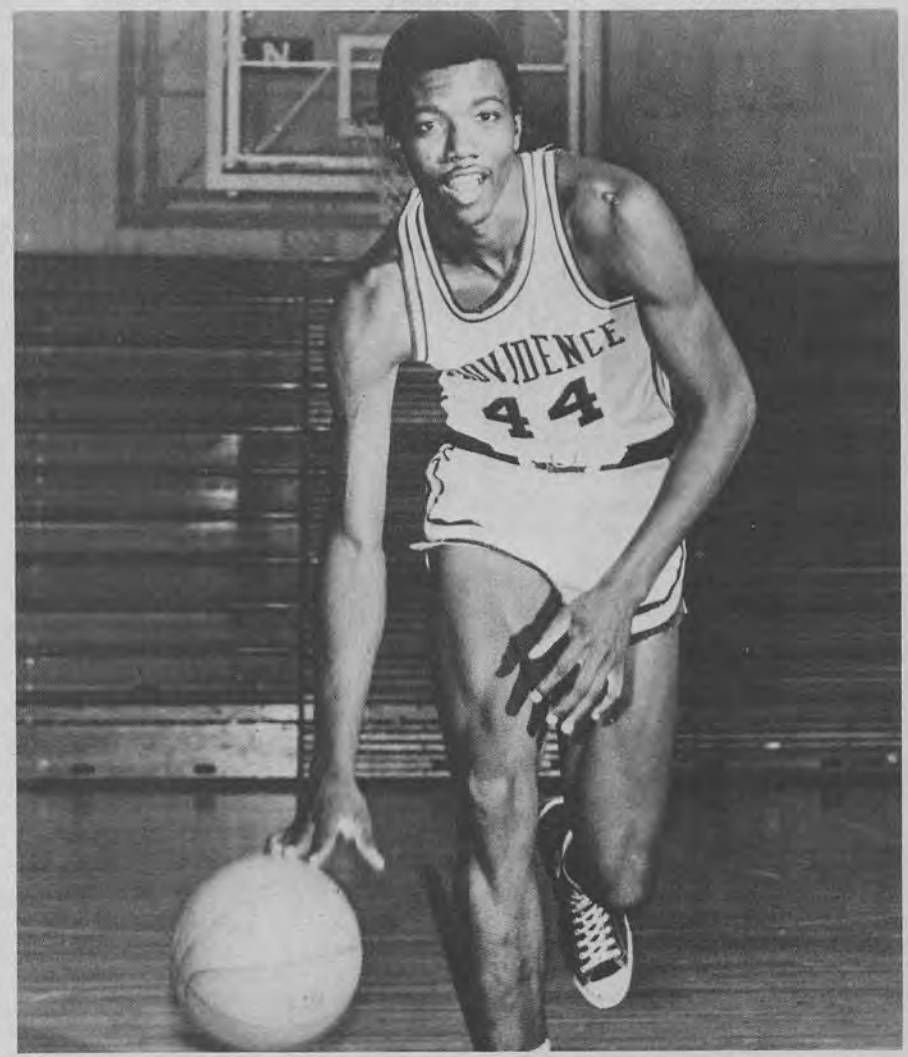
RAY KELLY
Fairfield

KEVIN STACOM
Providence

JERE NOLAN
Boston College



Marvin Barnes (44) takes up slack left by Ernie DeGregorio's graduation at Providence.

RALPH REHN
Fairfield

MALCOLM MOULTON
Holy Cross

RICHIE O'CONNOR
Fairfield

MARTY HALSEY
Holy Cross

WILL MORRISON
Boston College

EAST

EASTERN SMALLER SCHOOLS

ALFRED

The basketball outlook at Alfred University is on the bright side. The Saxons, after four losing seasons, came on in the second half of the 1973 campaign to win 11 of their last 15 games to finish at 11-9.

Coach Bob Baker will have eight returning lettermen including sophomore Mark Edstrom, who was the team's top scorer last year with a 14.5 average and center Tom Ripple (6-6) who averaged 11 rebounds a game.

In addition, Jack Amphlett, a transfer student, will become eligible. The 6-3 Amphlett was all-Western New York at Bishop Walsh High School in Olean. He will add both scoring and rebounding to the Saxon lineup.

Other key returning lettermen are forward Mark Dunn (6-5) and guards Bill Dysart and Rich Mulholland.

CLARKSON

The outlook for Clarkson's 1973-74 basketball team appears to be the best in recent years. With a solid nucleus of seven returning lettermen, the hopes of a successful campaign rest on a big man.

Clarkson, 3-14 last year, is solid at the guard spots with Larry Jones, the team's top scorer (12.4) and Peter Maher, the second leading scorer (10.7). Other returning guards are Bob Sharlow and Lowell Dewey. All the forwards are back in the person of Charles Hicks, John Cima and Mike Gambino, the team's leading rebounder (10.0).

HOBART

Jack Flowers, a highly successful high school coach steps in as the new head coach at Hobart College with a team that posted an 8-15 record last season.

Flowers inherits a veteran ball club, however, since only one member graduated.

Top returnee is 6-6 sophomore Jeff Cornwell, the only player to finish with an average of over 10 points. Cornwell, who was also the team's leading rebounder, wound up with an 11.7 average.

Other starters back are guards Bruce Beswick and Jim McLaurin and forwards Bob Blumenthal and Dave Silveri.

Beswiick finished with a 9.9 points per game average while McLaurin was at 9.6, Blumenthal at 7.6 and Silveri at 7.2.

ITHACA

Ithaca College lost its entire starting front court when forwards Dave Hollowell, the school's third all-time scorer, and Steve Synakowski graduated, and center John McCarthy decided to leave school.

The starting back court of Jim Doherty (7.1) who led the team in assists (100) and Bill Folkins (13.4) is back to work with several excellent recruits from the J.V. team plus varsity reserves Ganlev and Tom Downey. The J.V. headliners are freshmen forward Gregg Allen who averaged 21 points a game, frosh guard Tom Rohn, sophomores, Rod Simmons (15.7) and Tim Nunn (9.5). Simmons will work at a forward spot, while Nunn, who was the top assist man for the J.V.'s 16-4 team last year, has great leaping ability and could play up front as well as in the back court.

I.C. has been 15-8 and 12-11 the last two years. It

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Joe Prekopa (10) is one of ten lettermen making up seasoned squad at Susquehanna.

C.W. Post believes Don Rutledge (21) has excellent chance for All-America honors.

BILL FOLKINS
Ithaca

DENNY KOPKA
Slippery Rock

ROGER BIGOS
Trenton State

FRANK GANTZ
Millersville

CAREY DASSATTI
RPI

Guard Tom Juknis (40) led RPI Engineers in scoring with 16.9 avg.

Top scorer Chuck Holland is back at Montclair. His avg.: 13.7.

Steve Schweitz (44) is high scoring junior in the Hartwick offense.

ROY STAUFFER
Edinboro State

BYRON MILLER
Albany

CURTIS HIXON
Mercyhurst

GREG SIMPSON
Hunter

EAST — NEW ENGLAND SMALL

KEITH DALY
Springfield

WARREN GEIER
Bowdoin

For third consecutive year, Bentley will be led by Brian Hammel (13) with 17.3 avg.

JOHN ELLSWORTH
Central Conn.

OKK FAIRBROTHER
Wesleyan

JOHN CLARK
Northeastern

BILL GREGORY
Springfield

AMHERST

Coach Rick Wilson will have a sophomore studded cast this season as he hopes to improve on a 10-9 mark. The only returning regular is forward Glenn Farrell (15.8). Another experienced player who will support Farrell in the fore court is Reese Couch. In the back court, Wilson has Mike Considine and C.C. Smalls.

Wilson specifically cites three sophomore candidates who, he hopes, will move directly into the starting lineup. They are Bob Schimmel, Frank Briffin and Jon Coffin.

SPRINGFIELD

All five starters and the entire seven man bench are back intact at Springfield. The Chiefs were 15-11 last season.

The guards are Keith Daly (13.8) and Joel Boldson (10.1). Leading scorer 6-8 forward Bill Gregory will be the standout. He averaged 15.5 points and 7.8 rebounds. Ken Lewis, a 6-5 center was behind Gregory in scoring (15.3) and the top rebounder (10.7).

Springfield's other starting forward spot could be shared by Don Pingree, Chris Sullivan and Doug Vain.

WESTERN NEW ENGLAND

Heading up Western New England's hopes is Ken Cain, a 6-6 sophomore who averaged 17.4 points and 15.7 rebounds. Also returning is starting forward Charles Robbins (11.3). Eric Johnson, who started at guard the last of the season, will also be a probable starter.

Other likely starter will come from newcomers Indy Leslie, Nate Vincent, and Duane Smith, all transfers, and Bobby Mack.

Other returnees are Clarence Knight, Landis Graham, Mike LaManna, Bill White and Chuck Woodson.

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EAST — YANKEE CONFERENCE

ERIE FERAGNE
New Hampshire

EARL WILSON
Connecticut

KERRY WALKER
Boston Univ.

TERRY GREEN
Vermont

Jim Burke (14) is one of seven lettermen who'll pace veteran Massachusetts squad.

Bob Warner of Maine averaged 18.5 points per game, 13.5 rebounds. He's a sophomore.

CONNECTICUT

The return of five starters, all of whom averaged in double figures a year ago, makes Connecticut one of the pre-season favorites for the Yankee Conference title. The Huskies will undoubtedly battle defending champion, Massachusetts for the crown.

Coach Dee Rowe has an incredible 13 lettermen back, losing only one player from a club which was 15-10 overall (9-3 in the Yankee Conference).

He is expected to go with the same unit which carried the club last season. Gary Custick, a 6-7 senior (11.6) and Cal Chapman, a 6-6 senior (15.4 points and 10 rebounds) will be the forwards with 6-5 junior Earl Wilson (12.3 points and 10 rebounds) at center and 6-1 senior Jimmy Foster (15.7) and 5-10 sophomore Al Weston (14.0) at the guards.

The other lettermen are 6-0 junior Ed Harrison (4.5), 6-6 junior Ken Wright (4.2), 6-8 sophomore John Thomas (4.0), 6-4 junior Curt Johnson (1.8), 6-2 senior Pat Mullin (1.4), 6-7 junior Roger Lawton (1.2), 5-11 senior Dennis Cole (1.1) and 6-5 senior Bill Deehan (0.8).

Up from the sub-varsity are 6-6 Pat Sibilia, 5-11 Bill Harris, 6-4 Rod Bass and 6-9 Jim Lancaster. And among the incoming frosh is 6-4 Tony Hansen, the top high school senior in Connecticut last season.

MASSACHUSETTS

After playing .500 basketball for the first half of the campaign a year ago, Massachusetts put everything together to finish the regular season with 12 consecutive victories in annexing another Yankee Conference title and a bid to the National Invitation Tournament.

With the three leading scorers and seven letter men all back, prospects for another title should come down to a battle with arch rival Connecticut.

Coach Jack Leaman's major problem appears to be the lack of a tested big man and overall depth in the front court. Tom Gillams, a 6-6 junior could be

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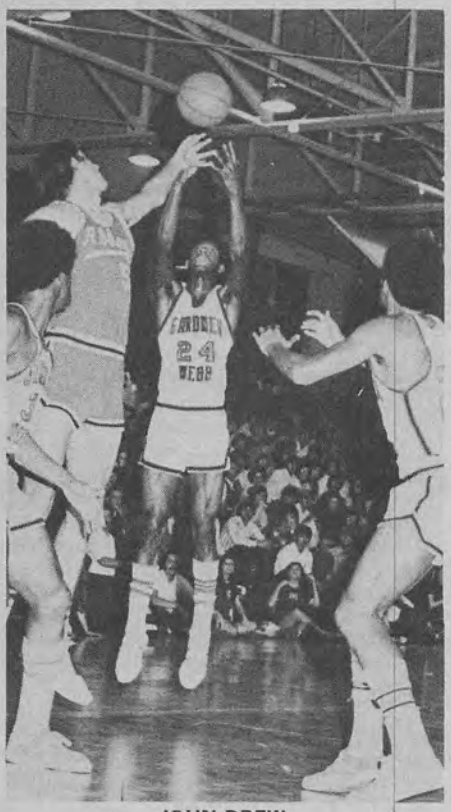
NAIA ALL AMERICANS



JOHN DREW
Gardner Webb

ROY McPIPE
E. Montana

MARVIN WEBSTER
Morgan State

BRUCE SEALS
Xavier (La.)

NAIA ALL-AMERICANS

****FORWARDS****

AARON JAMES	Grambling (La.)	6-7	Sr.
SAM BERRY	Armstrong State (Ga.)	6-8	JR.
EUGENE SHORT	Jackson State (Miss.)	6-7	SOPH.
MIKE OGAN	Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	6-7	SR.
JOHN DREW	Gardner-Webb (N.C.)	6-6	SOPH.
ISAAC DEVORE	Midwestern (Tex.)	6-7	JR.
BRUCE SEALS	Xavier (La.)	6-8	JR.
LERMAN BATTLE	Fairmont State (W.Va.)	6-7	SR.

****CENTERS****

MAJOR JONES	Albany State (Ga.)	6-10	SOPH.
MARVIN WEBSTER	Morgan State (Md.)	6-11	JR.
BRUCE HAMMING	Augustana (Ill.)	6-11	JR.
NATE ARCHIBALD	Alcorn A&M (Miss.)	6-10	SR.

****GUARDS****

RUBIN COLLINS	Maryland Eastern-Shore	6-3	JR.
LLOYD FREE	Guilford (N.C.)	6-1	SOPH.
JERRY DAVENPORT	Cameron State (Oklah.)	6-3	SR.
ROY MC PIPE	Eastern Montana	6-3	SR.
JIM HEARNS	Marymount (Kan.)	6-4	SOPH.
HARVEY CARMICHAEL	Kentucky State	6-4	Jr.
CLARENCE WALKER	West Georgia	6-1	SR.
O'NEAL TARRANT	East Texas State	5-10	SOPH.

O'NEAL TARRANT
E. Texas State

NATE ARCHIBALD
Alcorn A & M

CLARENCE WALKER
West Georgia Col.

ISAAC DEVORE
Midwestern

EUGENE SHORT
Jackson State

SOUTH

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

LSU senior Eddie Palubinskas ranks number three in nation in free throw percentage.

ED PETERSON
Georgia

LEN KOSMALSKI
Tennessee

LARRY JENKINS
Mississippi State

TENNESSEE

The return of a healthy Len Kosmalski and the addition of Ernie Grunfeld, one of the top freshmen in the country, make Tennessee strong contenders for the Southeastern Conference crown.

Ray Mears, who achieved his 200th Tenneesee victory in 11 years as Vol coach last season, must replace two starters, including high scoring guard Mike Edwards, a three year regular.

Kosmalski is the key to the Tennessee attack. Two years ago, he was the SEC Sophomore-of-the-Year. He appeared headed toward greatness until felled a year ago with a foot injury. Kosmalski came back late in the year and the 7-foot senior led the Vols in scoring with a 17-point average.

Grunfeld, a 6-5 prep star from Forest Hills, N.Y., is called "the best player I have ever recruited," by Mears. He averaged 25 points a game in high school and was the outstanding player in the 9th World Maccabiah Games in Israel this past summer. He'll start at one of the wing positions.

Holdovers, 5-11 playmaker Rodney Woods (9.8) and 6-0 wing John Snow (13.1) will hold down two other spots with the fifth position going to 6-9 Wayne Tomlinson (5.4).

Other possibilities for cracking the starting lineup are 6-6 Doug Ashoworth, a transfer from Michigan, 6-5 Austin Clark and 6-5 Vinnie Tracy, both held out last season and 6-4 freshman David Moss.

Mears has lots of height to back up Kosmalski in the middle with 7-0 sophomore Bob Brykalski and 6-10 John Dye.

If Grunfeld lives up to his reputation and Kosmalski can stay healthy, the Vols are capable of staying with most class teams in the country.

ALABAMA

Alabama coach C. M. Newton will have to fill a couple of holes in his starting lineup and add some depth to his bench if the Crimson Tide hopes to repeat last year's performance.

A year ago, the Tide was 22-8 and second in the SEC, "blowing" the crown during the final month of the season. Invited to the NIT, Alabama made it to the semi finals, finally finishing fourth. Gone from the club are leading scorer Wendell Hudson, Glenn Garrett, the other starting forward, and super sub Paul Ellis.

The three returning starters give Alabama the nucleus of a good scoring attack. Charles Cleveland, a 6-5 junior swingman, averaged 14.9 points; 6-1 senior guard Ray Odums 13.4, and 6-10 sophomore Leon Douglas 12.7. Douglas also averaged 10.7 rebounds while Odums led the SEC in assists for the second consecutive season.

Charley Russell, a 6-6 junior college All-American from Alabama Christian J.C. is being counted on to fill one of the forward spots with the other up for grabs among 6-5 sophomore Mark Patrick, 6-4 Johnny Dill and 6-8 Dale Dunn, who missed all of last season due to injuries.

Another possibility is for Newton to move Cleveland to forward and insert freshman T. R. Dunn into the back court. Dunn is another of the highly touted prep players that Alabama has been able to keep in the state over the past couple of seasons.

Additional bench strength will be provided by Ernest Odom, Tom Schellengerg, Eddie Cauthen and Dave Johnson in the backcourt, Ricky Brown, Greg Freeman and Eddie Knox at center and Andy Ott, Charley Russell, Bruce Albe, John Smith, and Don Bowerman in the back court.

The Tide will still be a young club and the pressure of the SEC race down the stretch could be a downfall too.

KENTUCKY

Kentucky's SEC champions return four starters and 10 lettermen, including All-League forward

Kevin Grevey. But filling the shoes of 6-11 center Jim Andres is the major concern of coach Joe Hall.

Since the Wildcats failed in their efforts to recruit a big man, the center spot will be given to 6-8 Bob Guyette, who averaged 5.9 points a game last year. Another possibility is 6-7 Steve Lochmueller (3.3). With either, though, Kentucky faces an overwhelming height deficiency.

The returning starters are 5-10 senior Ronnie Lyons (9.2), 6-3 junior Mike Flynn (9.1), 6-4 junior Jimmy Dan Conner (11.2) and Grevey (18.7).

It was Grevey who almost single handedly carried the Wildcats to the SEC title last season, averaging better than 30 points a game in the final six games of the conference race. He hit 53.5 per cent of his field goal attempts and was named SEC Sophomore of the Year and tied with Alabama's Wendell Hudson as Player of the Year.

The Wildcats will have an experienced bench with seniors Ray Edelman, a 6-2 guard (2.6), and Rick Drewitz, a 6-7 forward (0.9), and juniors Jerry Hale, a 6-1 guard (1.2) and G. J. Smith, a 6-7 forward who missed most of the season with a knee injury.

Up from the freshman team are 6-1 guard Reggie Warford (17.5), 6-11 center Roger Wood (12.8 points and 8.8 rebounds) and 6-6 David Miller (15.5 points and 12.8 rebounds).

Hall's recruits were 6-8 Bob Mayhall, 6-8 Ernie Whitus, 6-3 Gary Utz, 6-3 Larry Johnson, 6-4 Merion Haskins and 6-3 Joey Holland.

With the lack of the big man, Kentucky will have to reply on its all around great shooting, and defense, a phase which Hall stresses with great emphasis.

The lack of a big man will be vital and not even the great play of Grevey will be enough to carry the Wildcats to a crown.

VANDERBILT

If there's any team which could be called a dark horse in the SEC, then it has to be Vanderbilt. A year ago, the Commodores were lightly regarded but responded with a 20-6 mark overall and 13-5 in the SEC.

Coach Roy Skinner made lots of use of his freshmen last season and now three of them will be full time starters as sophomores. Also back are two players who started in all 26 games.

The top returnee is 6-5 senior forward Terry Crompton, who led the club in scoring with a 17.7 averaged, hitting 49.2 per cent of his field goal attempts. Jay van Breda Kolff, a starting forward last season, hitting at an 8.2 norm, will move to center. He's 6-7, but only 190 pounds so the Commodores will be giving away a lot in the middle.

Moving in at forward will be 6-6 Jeff Fosnes, who stepped into the starting lineup down the stretch and averaged 8.0 points a game. Many coaches in the SEC feel Fosnes will develop into a superstar.

The guards will be a pair of sophomores—6-2 Joe Ford (5.4) and 6-4 Butch Feher (5.6). Both have showed signs of developing into first rate players.

Bill Ligon, a 6-4 senior (9.9), who was used as both a starter and top reserve, gives Vandy additional strength in the back court while 6-6 Lee Fowler (7.9) and 6-9 freshman Spence Young will provide help up front.

Skinner has produced four 20-victory seasons at Vanderbilt and there's a good chance he'll be able to reach the magic mark again. The Commodores will be a smart club that won't beat itself with mistakes.

LSU

LSU may be still a year away from contending for the SEC title, but they're certain to be a significant force in determining who wins the crown this season.

Coach Dale Brown, who posted a magnificent 14-10 mark in his rookie season, has eight regulars back, including four of five starters and 12 of the squad's 15 players. And the addition of two players ineligible a year ago, should make the Tigers mighty tough.

Top returnees include senior Eddie Palubinskas, the native of Australia, who was the team's top scorer (18.6), Collis Temple, another senior, who led the squad in rebounding and averaged nine points a game. Mike Darnall (9.6), who beat Alabama with a 35-footer and Tennessee with excellent free throw shooting, is also back as is Ed LeBlanc (6.9).

Two "newcomers," who both could wind up as starters are Mickey Heard and Glenn Hanson. Heard sat out last season due to academic problems. He is a player with super potential and was a prep All-American.

Brown also signed several freshmen who could provide immediate help. They are 6-7 John Rudd, 6-11 Frank LeFevre, 6-3 Dennis Wolff and 6-4 Kevin Hay.

"We have a lot more talent this time around and any one of 10 players might be in the lineup," says Brown. "We're still young and will make a lot of mistakes, but no one better take us lightly."

MISSISSIPPI

Seven returning lettermen, a transfer, two red shirt sophomores, a true soph and five freshmen will hold the key to Mississippi's hopes this season, as the Rebels attempt to improve on their 1972-73 mark of 14-12.

Heading the returnees are 7-foot center Fred Cox, 6-5 forward Cooldge Ball and 6-1 guard Tom Jordan, all seniors, plus front line guards 6-3 Dean Hudson and 6-4 Bob Mahoney and two reserve forwards, 6-6 Matt Meibers and 6-5 Keith Michaels.

Additionally, there are Dave Shepherd, a 5-11 flash junior guard who transferred from Indiana, and redshirt holdovers, 6-7 Curt Eigenmann, 6-0 Steve Osso and 6-1 Bennie Gatz.

And Rebs' coach Cob Jarvis is expecting immediate help from his freshmen recruit, especially 6-6½ Walter Actwood. Other yearlings are 6-4 Gary Yoder, 5-11 Dennis Godfrey, 6-10 Mike Kirk, and 6-11 Bill Parks.

Cox averaged 14.2 points and 9.8 rebounds a year ago with Ball hitting for 13.7 points and 9.7 bounds. Hudson had a 10.7 scoring mark and Jordan was at 9.7 but 11.0 against league foes. Mahoney hit at a 5.2 scoring norm and accumulated 127 assists, a new school record.

Shepherd, a high school All-American, averaged 26 points a game as a frosh and six points a game as a sophomore, seeing limited action following an auto injury. He should provide the scoring punch which was lacking a year ago.

Actwood, who weighs 235 pounds, figures to step right in and he should rank with Ernie Grunfeld of Tennessee as the top frosh in the SEC.

A likely Reb starting lineup will have Ball and Actwood at the forwards, Cox at center and Shepherd and Hudson at the guards.

Mississippi State's basketball team, with all five starters returning from last season, will be more experienced and have more depth than a year ago when the Bulldogs finished 11-15.

Coach Kermit Davis started the youngest team in the SEC last year—two juniors, two sophomores and a freshman—and four of them averaged in double figures.

Rich Knarr, a 6-2 guard, led the team in scoring with an 18.0 average and he was only a freshman. Knarr also led State in assists with 127, fourth best in the conference.

Also returning are a pair of talented forwards, 6-7 Jerry Jenkins, who tallied 17.6 points, and 6-5 Larry Fry, who finished with a 12.5 average. Both are juniors this season.

Returning for their senior campaign are 6-5 pivot

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COLLIS TEMPLE
LSU

CHARLES CLEVELAND
Alabama

KEVIN GREVEY
Kentucky

CHIP WILLIAMS
Florida

RONNIE LYONS
Kentucky

CHARLIE ANDERSON
Georgia

TERRY COMPTON
Vanderbilt

STEVE WILLIAMS
Florida

LEON DOUGLAS
Alabama

JEFF FOSNES
Vanderbilt

TAKI KORONEOS
Mississippi St.

TERRY KUSNIERZ
Mississippi St.

JOHN SNOW
Tennessee

EDDIE PALUBINSKAS
LSU

COOLIDGE BALL
Mississippi

EAST

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE

NORTH CAROLINA

North Carolina has one of the top teams in the country—a club which is capable of winning the NCAA championship, N.C. State and UCLA notwithstanding.

Coach Dean Smith has a great team. If he comes up with a guard who can handle the ball and control the game, the Tar Heels will be a super team.

Up front, North Carolina has the finest talent anywhere. There is 6-9 senior forward Bobby Jones, who will be a certain first round pro pick. Jones averaged 15 points and better than 10 rebounds a game last year and made 60.1 percent of his field goal attempts. As a defensive player, Jones has few peers.

Then there's 6-7, 230-pound Donald Washington, who missed most of his sophomore season due to a broken foot. Washington, who had been called the finest sophomore in Carolina history, hit for 12.3 points in seven games. Center Ed Stahl, a 6-10 junior, averaged 12 points. His backup, 6-9 sophomore Mitch Kupchak, hit at a 7.7 norm, making better than 60 per cent of his feild goal attempts. That alone is an awesome array of talent.

And now along comes 6-7 forward Walter Davis. He's talked about in the same class as David Thompson of North Carolina State. Smith has already said that he'll have to find a spot for Davis to start—and that it might be in the back court. Another recruit was 6-11 Tommy Lagarde, who many scouts thought was the best big man in the high school ranks last season. Another freshman will be 6-11, 260-pound Jeff Crompton, called "a franchise by himself." Toss in 6-8 freshman Bruce Buckley and letterman 6-6 John O'Donnell (6.8) and the only question is where all are going to find playing time.

Darrell Ellston (9.8), a 6-4 senior and 6-2 Ray Harrison will battle with 5-10 Brad Hoffman, 6-0 Ray Hite and sophomores Tony Shavers, Dave Hanners for starting guard spots. Hoffman will be given the first shot at the quarterbacking job. In the ultimate, it may go to one of two incoming freshman, 6-1 John Kuester or 6-5 Jim Smith.

All in all it's an awesome array of talent. When one ACC coach was asked what Smith was going to do with all the talent his answer was "sleep well at night."

NORTH CAROLINA STATE

Last year with nowhere to go (NCCA probation), North Carolina State won 27 consecutive games, good enough to be ranked second in the country.

This season, there are no restrictions on the Wolfpack who must be considered a good bet to reach the final four next March in Greensboro, N.C.

First on the agenda for N.C. State is a Dec. 15 showdown with national champion UCLA in St. Louis. Then comes the rugged Atlantic Coast Conference regular season schedule and finally the ACC playoffs.

Coach Norm Sloan lost two starters, but he has a solid foundation led by sensational David Thompson—a unanimous All-American and ACC Player of the Year (as a sophomore), and 7-4 senior center Tom Burleson.

Thompson, a 6-5 junior, topped the ACC scorers

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All-American candidate Tom McMillen (54) of Maryland returns with 21.2 p.p.g. avg.

All-Conference Tony Byers of Wake Forest was Deacons' leading scorer last season.

VAN GREGG
Clemson

TOM ROY
Maryland

DARRELL BROWN
Maryland

GUS GERARD
Virginia

TOMMY BURLESON
North Carolina S.

JEFF REISINGER
Clemson

DARRELL ELSTON
North Carolina

WALLY WALKER
Virginia

Virginia's Al Drummond (shooting) provides Cavaliers strength at guard spot.

SOUTH

OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE

AUSTIN PEAY

Austin Peay will defend its Ohio Valley Conference championship with little trouble this season. The Governors, who finished 11-3 in the league and 22-7 overall, have 11 of 13 players returning and have added seven outstanding recruits.

James "Fly" Williams, the heralded freshman of a year ago, returns to pace the Govs. The 6-5 forward was the nation's number five scorer with a 29.5 average. The flamboyant Williams had two 51-point performances and helped the box office wherever he played. He also grabbed 7.6 rebounds a game.

"Fly" has a swarm of talented teammates returning which helped APSU become the nation's number three scoring machine with an output of 93.1 per contest.

Also back are starters 6-7 senior forward Howard Jackson (11.1), 6-4 junior center Percy Howard (11.4) and 6-3 sophomore point guard Danny Odums (10.1)

Graduation took starting guard Eddie Childress (12.2) and top reserve Jerry Wanstrath (7.2).

Holdover reserves from the championship team include seniors 6-1 Robert Turner (4.4), 6-3 Luther Jackson (2.2) and 6-4 Tom Higdon (2.1); juniors 6-5 Richard Jimmerson (3.2), 6-5 Kemp Hampton (2.4) and 6-1 Gary Sewell (0.8), and 6-0 sophomore Mickey Fisher (0.9).

Newcomers include 6-6 Joe Johnson from Gulf Coast Junior College (Fla.), and freshmen 6-9 Ralph Garner, 6-6 Dale Westly, 6-5 Reed Eply, 6-4 Jan Smith, 6-4 Gary Maier and 6-2 Fred Lee.

If Lake Kelly can keep his players together, he should easily repeat and if Johnson comes through, this could be one of the top clubs in the country.

MURRAY STATE

Although coach Cal Luther will have to find a replacement for his superstar, Les Taylor, he'll have his other four starters of last year ready for a strong run at the Ohio Valley Conference championship. Taylor, who averaged 22.4 points, was named "Player of the Year" in the OVC for the second straight time last season.

Returning to the Racers are 6-5 forward Mike Coleman, 6-8 center Marcelous Starks, 6-6 forward Jesse Williams, and 5-9 guard Steve Barrett.

Coleman averaged 17.4 points and 11.9 rebounds last season, was named to the All-OVC team. Starks averaged 15.8 points and 11.3 rebounds and was one of the nation's top field goal shooters with a percentage of .613. Williams, who started most of the season as a freshman, had 7.2 points a game, and Barrett had 6.2.

The Racers will also have their top reserves back in Darnell Adell (7.6), T.C. Jamison (3.1) and Mark House (1.7). Adell is a 6-0 guard, Jamison a 6-6 frontliner and House a 6-7 forward. Most promising player up from the junior varsity is guard Jeff Hughes who averaged 23.8 points.

Likely to replace Taylor is Henry Kinsey, a 6-3 junior college transfer, who averaged 24.4 points a game last season. Other recruits include 6-4 Richard Burnett (Juco), 6-6 Grover Woolard, 6-9 Larry Moffett, 6-5 Keith Bloomfield, 6-8 Jerome Shanks and 6-3 Zachary Blasingame.

Murray State could be the champions of the Ohio Valley Conference come next Spring.

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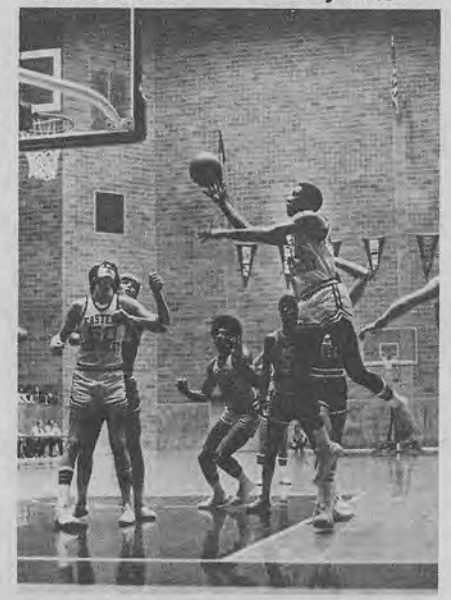
EUGENE LYONS
Morehead State

MIKE COLEMAN
Murray State

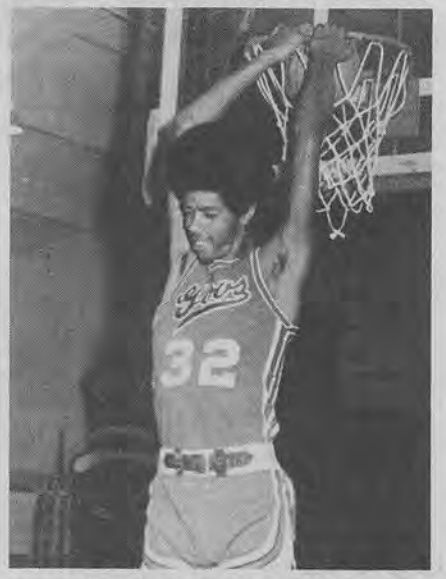
JIM CLEMENS
Tennessee Tech

LEROY FISHER
E. Tenn. State

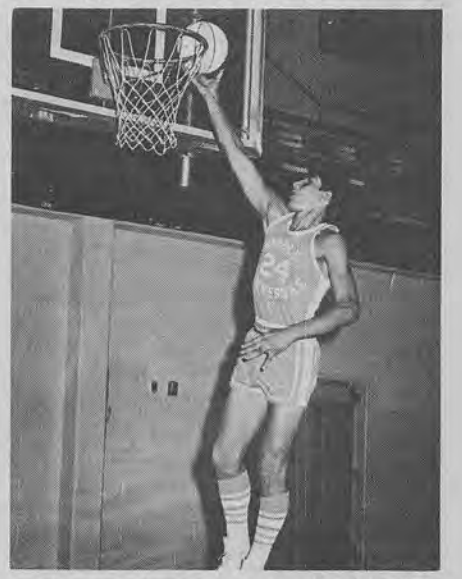


Co-captain Robert Brooks (14) is Eastern Kentucky's scoring leader with a 12.4 avg.

Johnny Britt (20) with 12.0 scoring avg., will lead returnees at Western Kentucky.



James "Fly" Williams who had sensational frosh year is key to Austin Peay future.



Center Tim Sisneros will battle for starting berth in Middle Tennessee State lineup.

LEONARD COULTER
Morehead State

MARCELOUS STARKS
Murray State

JOHN BRITT
W. Kentucky

RON MITCHELL
E. Tennessee State

SOUTH

SOUTHERN MAJORS

JACKSONVILLE

Without question, the class team among independents in the South is Jacksonville.

The Dolphins, under new coach Bob Gottlieb, return eight of their top ten lettermen including four starters—led by 6-5 junior All-American Henry Williams, and 6-10½ senior center Butch Taylor.

Wililams, who at 6-6, is talented enough to play the back court, averaged 17.3 points and was second in assists and third in rebounding. He'll once again be used up front, teaming with junior college All-American 6-5 Carlos Bermudez, who was the star of the Puerto Rican Olympic team in the Munich Olympics.

Taylor, if motivated, can be one of the best centers in the country. Last year, he led the Dolphins in scoring with a norm of 17.6, rebounding (12.1) and field goal percentage (61.0).

Leon Benbow (15.8), a 6-4 senior, and Jimmie Clark, a 6-1 junior, handled the starting assignments in the backcourt last year, but it is evident that someone will have to make way for 6-3 Ricky Coleman, who missed much of last season with a knee injury. George Scholz, a 6-1, 170-pound senior, also returns to give the Dolphins added depth and experience.

Junior forwards 6-6 Dave Stowers and 6-8 Shawn Leftwich, and 6-9 sophomore Tim Wisnewski, will provide backup help in the front court.

Gottlieb, who has a great reputation as a recruiter, got the job to come up with five frosh—6-6 Richard David, 6-0 Martin Gross, 6-1 Jim Smith, 6-1 James Waldon and 6-5 Arthur Bibbs.

You can rest assured that Jacksonville will be in some tournament at the end of the regular season.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Finding a big man will be the key to South Carolina's post season tournament chances this season.

A year ago, the Gamecocks parlayed two freshman starters and its great All-America Kevin Joyce into a 22-7 mark and an NCAA bid. South Carolina coach Frank McGuire will be seeking his sixth straight 20 win season and fourth consecutive post season bid.

Gone along with Joyce, who was a first round pro draft pick, are 7-0 center Danny Traylor and top reserve Casey Manning.

Brian Winters, a 6-4 swingman, who hit for 11.5 points a game, figures to be the only senior in the starting lineup.

Other than Winters, the top returnee is 6-8 sophomore Alex English, who started in all 29 games last year, averaging 14.6 points and 10.6 rebounds, while making 51.4 per cent of his field goal attempts. English is a smooth player who is especially effective from along the baseline.

The other freshman starter last year was 6-2 Mike Dunleavy, who averaged 10.4 points, despite an assortment of injuries. Dunleavy, who reminds many of former Gamecock All-American, John Roche, hit 51.7 per cent of his field goals.

McGuire, who has recorded a 430-165 mark in 23 seasons, will primarily rely on young players. Two sophomores who figure in the plans are 6-6 Mark Greiner and 6-7 Bob Mathias, both front line reserves a year ago. Another possibility is 6-5 Rick Mousa, who spent most of last season on the bench with injuries. (Continued on page 60)

BOBBY STEVENS
Virginia

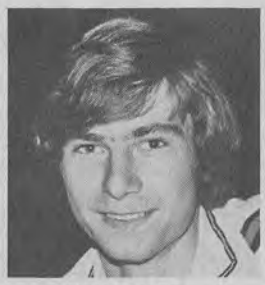
CRAIG LIEDER
Virginia Tech.

JEFF MORRIS
Tulane

South Carolina's Alex English (22) has an iron man rep. He started in all 29 games.

Georgia Tech's 6'-8½" junior Andy McCain averages 14.9 points, 8 rebounds a game.

BRIAN WINTERS
South Carolina



STEVE SHERBAK
Georgia Tech.

DAVE RENFRO
Tulane

HENRY WILLIAMS
Jacksonville

ROBERT PARRISH
Centenary

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SOUTHERN SMALLER SCHOOLS

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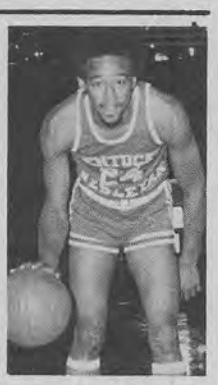

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Ky. Wesleyan

JAY PICCOLA
Roanoke

JIM SCHMITT
Bethany

AARON JAMES
Grambling

WAYNE ELLINGTON
Elon

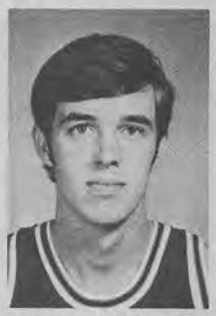
REGGIE GRACE
N'Western St.

BILL LINDSEY
Fairmont

MAJOR JONES
Albany State

GARY PITTMAN
Newberry

STEVE WALKER
Ky. Wesleyan



DENTON WILLARD
Roanoke

MARYLAND-EASTERN SHORE

The finest small college team in the country is probably Maryland Eastern Shore, which finished as runner-up in the NAIA championships last season.

Coach John Bates has his entire starting lineup back, led by a couple of All-Americans: 6-3 guard Rubin Collins and 6-5 forward Talvin Skinner.

Collins averaged better than 18 points a game, hitting 52 per cent of his field goal attempts, while Skinner, who is quick enough to play the back court, hit at a 17 point per game norm, making 57 per cent of his field goal attempts.

Joining Collins in the back court will be Tommy Nelson, a 6-4 senior, who had an excellent NAIA tournament. He averaged 6.0 for the season.

Joe Pace, a 6-10 sophomore with loads of potential will be the starting center. He averaged 11 points and 17 rebounds as a freshman. The other starting forward will be William Gordon (13.5).

The Hawks have an explosive offense which went over 100 points 13 times last season.

Reserve help will come from Granville Cannon (14.8), Michael Casey (5.8) and Arnold Graham (2.6).

This team is dynamite.

GUILFORD

The defending NAIA champions will be hard-pressed to repeat last season's effort, despite the return of five of the top six players including four starters.

Coach Jackie Jensen's club will be lacking in bench strength and overall height, something they were able to overcome a year ago in posting a 29-5 mark.

The back court is magnificent, led by Lloyd Free, who was named the Most Valuable Player in the

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SOUTH

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

DAVIDSON

Davidson basketball coach Terry Holland finds himself in much the same position he was a year ago. He has a veteran team, which went 18-9 and won their sixth straight regular season championship in the Southern Conference. The entire starting five from the latter part of the campaign is back. The potential is tremendous, but the one drawback is the absence of a big man.

"We have a veteran team that has depth, can shoot and play defense," said Holland. "We will be better than we were last season."

The top five scorers return, including 6-5 senior John Falconi (15.7), 6-5 junior Greg Dunn (14.9), 6-5 senior T.J. Pecprak (14.9) and 6-7 junior Larry Horowitz (10.7). Mike Sorrentino, a 6-0 senior narrowly missed double figures at 9.9.

Sophomore Eppa Rixey, a 6-9 post man, who misssed his freshman season with a shoulder injury, could be the answer to the size problem. The Wildcats' 20-game tour to Australia during the off season should prove to be a boon to his advancement. Another possibility is 6-9 freshman Steve Trusgnich.

In addition to the five returning starters, 6-6 senior Paul Wagner (6.1), 6-1 sophomore Jay Powell (4.5), 6-8 junior Sheldon Parker (3.0) and 6-5 senior Steve Gadaire (3.0) are all seasoned varsity performers. All nine returning players scored in double figures in at least one season game.

The Wildcats led the Southern Conference in field goal shooting last year and Holland is

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NICKY WHITE
East Carolina

MIKE ARIZIN
William & Mary

CHARLIE TYLER
VMI

CURT REPPART
VMI

Aron Stewart (30) fourth in nation in scoring is one of seven Richmond U. returnees.

EPPA RIXEY
Davidson

TOM PFINGST
William & Mary

CHUCK CORDELL
Citadel

TOM VERLIN
Davidson

TOM MARSH
East Carolina

SHELDON PARKER
Davidson

MID WEST BIG TEN CONFERENCE

Quinn Buckner showed surprising poise as a frosh at Indiana. He will start at guard,

Kerry Hughes (54) and twin brother Kim are among four starters returning at Wisconsin.

JAMES WALLACE
Northwestern

NEIL FEGEBANK
Iowa

JOE STEPP
Ohio State

TOMMY BARKER
Minnesota

CAMPY RUSSELL
Michigan

Chief scoring threat at Michigan State is Mike Robinson (31) with 25.3 p.p.g., avg.

OTHO TUCKER
Illinois

CANDY LAPRINCE
Iowa

LINDSAY HAIRSTON
Michigan State

GREG WELLS
Northwestern

INDIANA

Despite loss of Steve Downing, Big Ten's MVP and Boston Celtics' No. 1 draft choice, and forward John Ritter, both three year starters, Indiana expects to have another good basketball team in 1973-74.

Graduation of the two took away a lot of experience, as well as ability. But the Hoosiers were a young club last year, starting freshman guards Quinn Buckner and Jim Crews and sophomore forward Steve Green with those veterans. They gained a lot of experience in Indiana's surprise drive to the Big Ten title and third-place finish in the NCAA. So did sophomores Steve Ahlfeld, No. 6 man John Laskowski and John Kamstra and freshmen Tom Abernethy, Don Noort and Trent Smock. In fact, the Hoosiers won't have a senior on this squad but will have a good experience level from freshman-sophomore character of team last season.

The Hoosiers appear to have needed replacements. At this point only one incoming freshman is in the fold, but he's the one Indiana had to have. He is 6-11 All-American high schooler Kent Benson, from New Castle, Ind. Kent averaged 28 points and 30 rebounds a game his senior year and seems certain to move into the lineup. The other vacancy is likely to go to 6-6 Scott May, a prep All-American, who didn't play his freshman year because of failure to predict out to tender requirements for aid. Scott made his grades without trouble, as did another non-predictor, 6-5 guard Bob Wilkerson.

Best bet at a starting unit would be three returning starters, 6-3 Buckner and 6-5 Crews at guards, 6-7 Green at forward. Laskowski could make at a corner but may remain No. 6 man, capable of going either forward or guard. The team should have tough defense, good rebounding and shooting, lots of patience. Experience of championship year should help add poise, already there to a surprising degree in a young squad.

PURDUE

Fred Schaus pulled a few surprises last season in directing a predicted Big 10 eighth place finisher to a 15-9 overall record and a tie for third in the conference standings (8-6).

Schaus can count on his top four 1972-73 scorers and his three leading rebounders for his second college season after 13 years of pro basketball with the Los Angeles Lakers as coach and then general manager.

The team's most valuable player 6-6 senior Frank Kendrick, 6-11 junior John Garrett and 6-2 sophomore Bruce Parkinson are returnees who started every game last year.

In Kendrick, Purdue has one of the league's finest one on one players. He is extremely valuable in Schaus' quick break style of play. Kendrick averaged 18.5 points and 8.7 rebounds.

Garrett was one of the best sophomores in the league. The big center averaged 17.5 points and grabbed a team high of 9.1 rebounds and exhibited a superb outside shooting touch.

Parkinson's value to the varsity a year ago was immeasurable. In addition to averaging 9.7 points, Parkinson came up with 147 assists in 24 games.

The fourth player is 6-6 Jerry Nichols, who was used primarily in a reserve role, averaging 6.3 points.

Joining Parkinson in the back court will be either 6-1 senior Dave Luke or 6-3 former prep All-American Tom Gilbert. The latter has been bothered by an assortment of ailments during his college career.

Schuas had a good recruiting year, getting height in 6-9½ Tom Scheffler and 6-11½ Dan McDermott and shooters in 6-5 Pat Manahan (Indiana's leading scorer last year at 34.9) and 6-7 Gerald Thomas.

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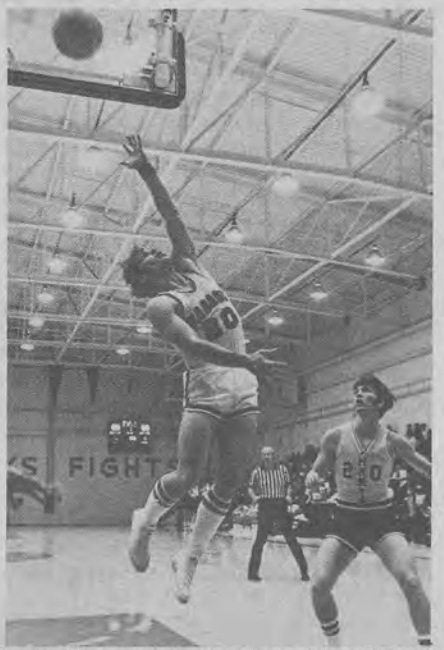
MID WEST

MIDWEST INDEPENDENT MAJORS

Marcus Washington (55) with an 8.8 average has been named Marquette Warriors' captain.

STEVE PHILLIPS
Indiana State

ROBERT HAWKINS
Illinois State



Pacing the Wabash attack is Jack Roudebush. His 24.3 avg., led Indiana Collegiate Conf.

JEFF PAYNE
DePaul

ERIC BACHELOR
Marshall

PAT LYONS
Cleveland State

JOE MERIWEATHER
S. Illinois

BILL CLARK
Ball State

FRANK SANDERS
Loyola of Chi.

LARRY BULLINGTON
Ball State

CARL MACON
Indiana State

PAUL COHEN
Loyola of Chi.

LONNIE ABRAM
Indiana State

BILL ROBINZINE
DePaul

GARY NOVAK
Notre Dame

DONALD SMITH
Dayton

DAN LEE
Cleveland State

NOTRE DAME

After finishing as runner-up in the NIT, Notre Dame coach Digger Phelps was looking enthusiastically to the upcoming campaign. Then he went out and recruited Adrian Dantley, and suddenly the Irish figure to be one strongest teams in the country.

Dantley, a 6-5, 228-pound forward, was the premier schoolboy in the East, averaged 25 points and 16 rebounds a game. He was the MVP in the Dapper Dan Game played in Pittsburgh.

He'll join a veteran lineup which includes 6-9, 230-pound John Shumate, the MVP in the 1973 NIT. "The Shue" was the top scorer (21.0) and top rebounder (12.2), and he broke the Notre Dame single season field goal percentage record held by Austin Carr by making (.592). That included a 20-20 streak in the NIT.

The other front court job will be shared by 6-7 Gary Novak and 6-8 Pete Crotty. Novak, who led the Irish in scoring as a sophomore, averaged 12.8 points and 9.8 rebounds a game last season. Crotty, an excellent defensive player, grabbed 203 rebounds, while hitting at an eight point per game norm.

At the point will be 5-11 Dwight Clay, who led the club in assists. It was his last second basket which helped end Marquette's amazing home court winning streak. Clay averaged 11.7 points a game. He'll be joined in the back court by 6-4 junior Gary Brokaw. He finished last season with a 17.4 average and picked off nearly five rebounds a game.

Five other freshmen figure to get a good shot at making the varsity roster. They are 6-5 Bill Paterno, 6-7 Toby Knight, 6-4 Billy Drew, 6-2 Ray Martin, and 6-3 Dave Kuzmicz.

Phelps has done a remarkable job at Notre Dame and this club is headed toward the NCAA playoffs. It should better last season's 18-10 mark.

MARQUETTE

Coach Al McGuire has guided Marquette to seven straight post-season tournaments and seven straight 20-win campaigns. He lost three starters, so the streak would seem to be in jeopardy. Not so!

The Warriors two returning starters—Maurice Lucas and Marcus Washington—are both first rate players. Lucas was one of the best sophs in the nation a year ago, averaging 15.4 points and 10.8 rebounds, while Washington hit at an 8.8 norm.

McGuire can fill the vacant spots up front with a couple of new players—6-4 sophomore Earl Tatum, and 6-9 freshman Maurice "Bo" Ellis.

Tatum was McGuire's No. 1 recruit a year ago and was brought along slowly in the Marquette fashion which gives prominence to the older players. He averaged 21.9 points for the junior varsity.

Ellis is an exception. He might have been the most talented prep player in the country last season. McGuire is so high on him that he'll start, which speaks for itself.

Others in the running for the job up front are 6-5 junior Rick Campbell (2.2), 6-6 Jerry Homan (0.3), 6-4 Paul Vollmer (0.4), 6-5 Greg Johnson, 6-6 Randy Buchmann and 6-7 freshman Tim Bryant.

Best bet to start with Washington in the back court is Lloyd Walton, another of McGuire's super recruits. He spent a year in junior college getting his skills honed. Other possibilities are 5-11 Dave Delsman (3.4) and 6-3 Ed Daniels (2.0).

"We're going to have a very young team that will get better as the season goes along," said McGuire. "There is great individual talent that's going to have to learn to play together."

You can bet that the Warriors will be in a post season tournament somewhere.

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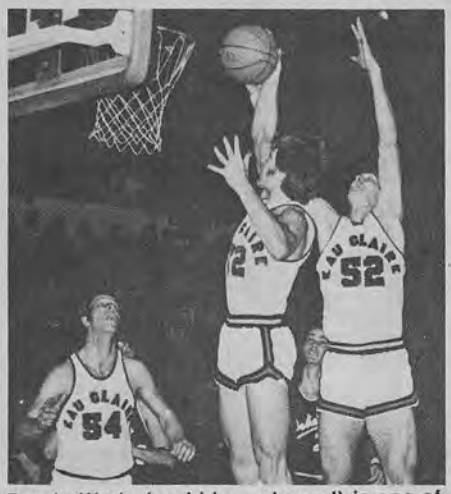
MID WEST

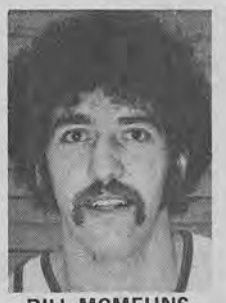
MIDWEST SMALLER SCHOOLS



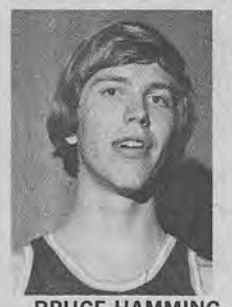
Randy Wade (grabbing rebound) is one of the eight returning lettermen at W. Eau Claire.

RANDY GROSS
Bemidji State

RANDY WADE
UW-Eau Claire



BILL MCMEHNS
Youngstown



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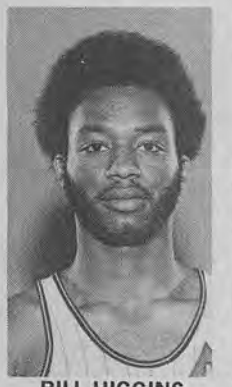
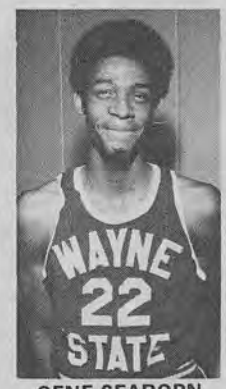


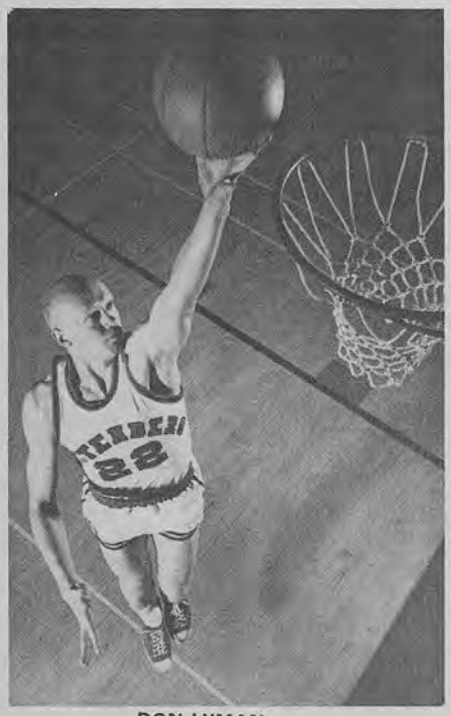
BILL HIGGINS
Ashford

GEORGE MCCLAIN
Akron

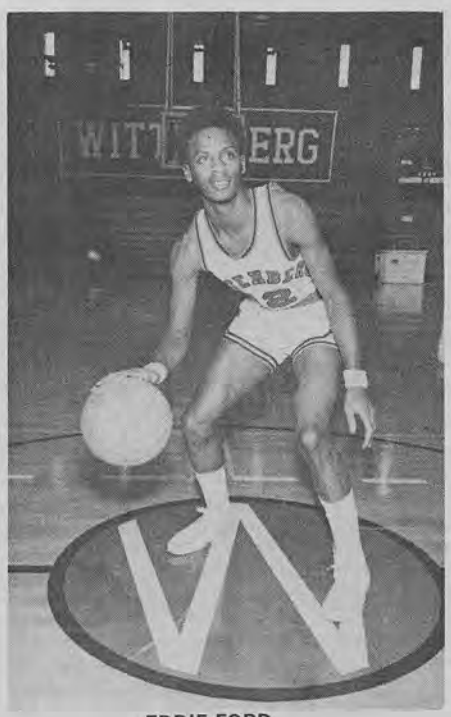


GENE SEABORN
Wayne State

PAT JOYCE
Wisc.-Green Bav



DON LYMAN
Wittenberg



EDDIE FORD
Wittenberg

WISCONSIN-GREEN BAY

The presence of eight major colleges on the schedule—all the games on the road—should keep Wisconsin-Green Bay from equaling its 28-4 of a year ago. The Phoenix fashioned one of the best small college teams in 1972-73, advancing to the quarter finals of the NAIA championships.

Leading the way for coach Dave Buss' club will be a pair of returning starters—6-8 Tom Jones and 6-9 Bardney. Jones led WGB's attack with 15.3 points a game, hitting 57.3 per cent of his field goal attempts. He was also third in rebounding. Bardney averaged 13.5 points and a team leading 8.8 rebounds, making 60.9 per cent of his shots.

The other up front job will go to either 6-6 Gordon Patterson (4.0) or 6-8 LeRoy Soldner (1.3). At the guards, Steve Schramka returns after sitting out a season. His likely running mate is 6-0 freshman Jim McEldowney, with Dan Walter and Pat Joyce in reserve.

WISCONSIN-WHITEWATER

This could be the season that Wisconsin-Whitewater finally makes it to the NAIA championships in Kansas City. The Warhawks have nine veterans returning and a starter two seasons ago is back. In addition, coach Eli Crogan added an outstanding junior college transfer.

Whitewater will most likely start a lineup of 6-6 senior Robert Stone at center, the Grimes boys, Garry and Larry, both 6-4, at the forwards, and 6-2 Elmer Polk and 6-2 Hugh Gnatzig at the guards. Garry Grimes is back after missing last season. As a freshman, he was named to the All-Conference team. The juco transfer is 6-2 guard James Neal, who averaged 21.5 points a game.

WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE

Coach Ken Anderson has eight returning lettermen from a team that was 21-4, but lost three front court starters.

Heading the list of returnees is 6-3 sophomore guard Ray Adams, who was the team's third leading scorer. He gained a starting berth midway through the season and averaged 9.2 points. Rich Reitzner (9.0) could be the other guard, although he'll be challenged by 6-3 Paul Woita, 6-5 Randy Wake and 6-6 Jim Martell, the latter two capable of playing forward.

Ken Kaiser, 6-7, the MVP on last season's unbeaten JV team should step into a job up front. The center spot will go to either 6-8 Dave Hines, out most of last year with a knee injury, or Ralph Rasmuson, a transfer from Oklahoma State where he was a two-year regular.

Other possibilities are 6-7 Scott Howard, 6-5 Jeff Healy and a couple of freshmen 6-11 Dennis Blunk, 6-5 Mark Brost along with Ed Smith and Gary Hubka.

DEFIANCE

Defiance, with eight lettermen back, should win the NAIA District 22 playoffs for the third consecutive year. The Yellowjackets were 25-5 a year ago and lost only two seniors.

Back leading the club are two NAIA honorable mention All-Americans—leading scorer 6-4 Bruce Baer (18.8) and 6-1 point guard Ken Bush (15.3).

Bill Kramer (7.2 points and 7.0 rebounds) will hold down the center spot, while 6-5 Mark Shine is expected to battle for a spot up front.

Three sophomores who saw varsity action last year as freshmen will bolster the squad. They are 6-3 Max Trowbridge, 6-1 John Komona and 6-1 Tim Minnich.

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MID WEST

MID AMERICAN CONFERENCE

TOM BRABSON
Kent St.

RICK GATES
Kent St.

PHIL LUMPKIN
Miami (O.)

WALTER LUCKETT
Ohio U.

JEFF MONTGOMERY
Bowling Green

MIKE STEELE
W. Michigan

PAUL GRIFFIN
W. Michigan

CORNELIUS CASH
Bowling Green

GEORGE GREEN
Ohio Univ.

SKIP HOWARD
Bowling Green

Dan Roundfield (shooting) of Central Mich. is Mid Amer. Conf's., number one rebounder.

Ohio U's., Dave Ball will share the starting center assignment. He has a 13.1 avg.

Bowling Green's Cornelius Cash (42) rates all-league honors. He averages 18 points.

OHIO UNIVERSITY

When coach Jim Snyder looks ahead to Ohio University's basketball for next year, he must have mixed emotions. He certainly has to be buoyed by the fact that the Bobcats, who was 16-10 last year, return intact.

"Yes we have everyone back, but remember this was a club which finished fourth last season," said Snyder, who is beginning his 25th season as Ohio U's coach. "Our problems are the same. The rebounding was as poor as any team I've had in the last 10 years, the turnovers high and the shooting terrible."

Another factor which hurt Ohio U. was its inability to win the close conference game. The Bobcats dropped four of their five conference losses by four points or less.

The club is strong up front, despite the overall lack of height. At center, Dennis Rusch, a 6-8 senior (10.9 points and 7.3 rebounds) will share the spot with Dave Ball, a 6-6 senior (13.1 points and 7.3 rebounds). There are four good forwards,led by 6-6 junior George Green (14.1 points and 6.9 rebounds)- an all-MAC choice. The other spot will go to 6-5 senior Bill Brown (11.7), 6-7 junior Scott Love (7.2) or freshman Ulice Payne.

Walter Luckett, a highly touted 6-3 sophomore heads up backcourt. Luckett, who averaged 40 points a game in high school, got off to a slow start a year ago after summer surgery; wound up hitting 13.5 points a game. His running mate will probably be either 6-0 freshman Larry Slappy or 6-3 sophomore Bob Huggins (2.3). Reserve help will come from Alan Talbert, a 6-0 senior (2.4), and Dennis Thompson, a 5.11 senior (4.3).

Ohio U. should be able to make Snyder's silver anniversary a memorable one.

MIAMI (OHIO)

Miami (Ohio), which has won a record 11 Mid-American Conference championships, including two in the past three years, should, once again, be in the thick of the race.

Ten lettermen are back, including four starters from a team that was 18-9 overall. Their 1972-1973 season was highlighted by an upset victory over North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The top scorers return in 6-6 senior Rich Hampton (14.9) and 6-0 senior Phil Lumpkin (13.8). Hampton also led the club in rebounding with better than nine a game and made .520 per cent of his field goal attempts.

Other returning starters include 6-5 senior Gary Dees (9.3), and 6-5 junior Steve Fields (7.4). Also back for the full year will be 6-10 junior Dave Elmer, who averaged 6.5 points a game after joining the club at mid semester last season.

"We have a veteran team returning," stated Miami Coach Darrell Hedric. "But the rest of the league will also be tough. Bowling Green and Ohio U. will be real threats."

Reserve strength this year will be provided by 5-11 sophomore guard Warren Dorsey (4.9), 5-10 junior guard Dieringer (1.9), 6-4 senior guard Gary DeMoss (0.9), 6-7 senior center Kim Essenberg (4.0) and 6-5 junior forward John Freytag (1.3).

"We're in very good shape because everyone has game experience," said Hedric. "Last season all 12 of our players got in at least 75 per cent of the games. The fact that we don't have a real big star isn't very important. We evoke the team concept."

Miami also plays a tough non-conference schedule which includes Kentucky, North Carolina, Indiana and Purdue.

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MIDLANDS

BIG 8 CONFERENCE

Lee Haven (15) offers Colorado Buffaloes versatility. He'll play forward or guard.

ERIC HEFT
Iowa State

GARY LINK
Missouri

RICKY MARSH
Nebraska

SCOTT WEDMAN
Colorado

RICK SUTTLE
Kansas

DAVE LOGAN
Colorado

KEVIN FITZGERALD
Oklahoma

RALPH RASMUSON
Oklahoma St.

LEE HAVEN
Colorado

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma's new coach Lester Lane greets 13 lettermen and the talent is good enough for the Sooners to actually waltz to the Big Eight championship.

The squad is big, strong, deep and talented and only two players are gone from the team which was 18-8 a year ago.

Best of the bunch is 6-11 sophomore Alvan Adams. Last season, he was named the Big Eight Player-of-the-Year by one wire service (and he was only a freshman). Adams averaged 22.1 points and 13.2 rebounds, making .547 of his field goal attempts. Adams should also benefit from several tours during the summer, when he played against Red China and for the U.S. in the World University Games.

Four players—6-9 senior Ted Evans (9.9), 6-9 senior Ted Holland (10.0), 6-6 junior Ted Pritchard (8.4) and 6-6 freshman Melvin Parker—will be rotated at the forward positions. Holland and Evans were the No. 2 and 3 scorers and rebounds last season, while Baker is considered a can't miss prospect.

It's the same situation in the back court where there are four players of pretty equal ability. The quartet who will see the bulk of the action are 6-1 senior Lee Gilbert (9.2), 6-3 sophomore Johnny Breathwit (5.3), 6-2 junior Mike McCurdy (5.2) and 6-4 junior college transfer Herb Williams.

Up front reserve help will come from 6-5 senior Paul Crowell, 6-9 Randy Gentry, 6-6 Jerry Vest, 6-7 Rick McNeil, along with freshman 6-8 Jim Greenfield and 6-5 Theodis Johnson. Help at the guards is expected from 6-2 junior Mark Sooter and 6-2 sophomore Jay Williams, plus freshman 5-10 Eddie Fields and 6-3 Craig Wiginton.

One of the keys to the Sooners success will be the ability of five players to come back from injuries. Williams, Pritchard, Vest and Crowell had knee operations while Breathwith had his ankle in a cast for six weeks over the summer.

IOWA STATE

When Maury John came to Iowa State, he promised that there would be exciting and winning basketball. Last year, in his second season, the Cyclones broke two conference and three school marks enroute to a 16-10 mark, the best by an ISU club in 17 years.

Now, with eight returning lettermen, including three full time starters Iowa State is in a position to make a strong challenge for the Big Eight championship.

Up front, Iowa State has two starters back—6-8 senior Wes Harris, and 6-9 junior Larry Loots. Harris, who averaged 11.3 points and nearly eight rebounds, appears to be entrenched in his job which is more than can be said for Loots, who hit at a 4.8 norm.

John recruited six outstanding freshmen, five of them of the front court variety. In addition, there are several returnees from last season's squad.

Best bets among the frosh are 6-10, 240-pound Alex Mazeika, and 6-7 Steve Burgason and don't be surprised if both wind up as starters, along with Harris. They're that good.

Other possibilities are 6-6 sophomore Mike Benjamin, 6-10 Craig DeLoss, 6-8 Jim Greeley and 6-5 Clyde Winters. The other frosh are 6-11 Frank Schneider, 6-7 Dale Smith and 6-6 Jim Thorup.

The biggest news of all is that 6-3 sophomore guard Hercle "Poison" Ivy has regained his eligibility. John thinks he might be the best guard to enroll in the Big Eight since the days of JoJo White at Kansas.

Fighting for the other spot will be two seniors who shared the job a year ago. They are 6-2 Bill

Benson (14.0) and 6-1 Eric Heft (7.3). Lettermen 5-9 senior Mike Capobianco, 6-2 John John, and 6-0 sophomore Jeff Branstetter are likely reserves.

OKLAHOMA STATE

If you're looking for a team that could be the country's major surprise, then take a chance on Oklahoma State. The Cowboys, under first year coach Guy Strong could rise from the depths of the Big Eight conference to possibly challenge for the league title.

In any case, Oklahoma State—which once enjoyed phenomenal success under Hank Iba—will be vastly improved over the 7-19 mark of last season.

The Cowboys have plenty of strength up front and Strong brought with him two guards who should step right in and become standouts in the league.

Heading the list of returnees are 6-6 senior forward Kevin Fitzgerald, and 6-8, 230-pound junior Andy Hopson.

Fitzgerald was the Big Eight conference's leading scorer with a 21.3 average and overall hit for 18.6 a game. He scored 20 or more points in each of the Cowboys last 11 games. His scoring average was the fourth best in school history.

Hopson was the conference's top rebounder. He grabbed 352 in 26 games, an average of 13.5 and corralled 27 in a game against Missouri with All-American John Brown. Hopson scored at a 10.4 norm.

The other forward spot will go to either Tom Duckett, a 6-6 junior (6.6) or 6-7 senior Ralph Rasmuson (11.0) last year after leading the Cowboys two seasons ago. Backup help will come from 6-7 junior Mick McCaffrey, 6-9 junior Brent Dahle, 6-7 sophomore Lafayette Threatt and 7-0 junior Tim Hund.

Oklahoma State was woefully weak in the back court last season, but the arrival of 6-4 Wayne Golden and 5-10 Ronnie Daniels will solve that. The two led their high school team to the Kentucky state crown. K.C. Kincaide, a 6-4 junior (9.4), may have something to say about who starts in the back court.

This should be an interesting team.

KANSAS STATE

After two consecutive Big Eight championships, Kansas State will probably lose its supremecy in the conference. Don't count on it, however. Coach Jack Harman does one of the best jobs in the country year in and year out and always manages to come up with a key player.

His big problem will be finding a player to replace the graduated Steve Mitchell, the team's leading rebounder and scorer, at center. The candidate is 6-8, 220-pound center, Gene McVey (5.5). If he comes through, the Cats will be very tough.

Kansas State has four solid performers at both guard and forward and Hartman signed an excellent group of freshman prospects.

The back court is led by Lon Kruger, a 5-11 senior, who was one wire service's conference player-of-the-year. He led the Big Eight in field goal percentage (.566), free throw percentage (.908) and finished among the top 10 in scoring (15.5).

His running mate will be either 6-3 junior Danny Beard or Bernard Robinson. Beard averaged 6.6 points after hitting at an 11.2 norm as a sophomore. Robinson, in a reserve role, tallied 2.2 per contest. Another candidate is 6-3 sophomore Chuckie Williams, who averaged 23.1 points with the JVs.

Up front, the Cats are well set with 6-9 senior Larry Williams and 6-6 sophomore Jerry Thruston. Williams started all last season, averaging 9.3 points and 5.4 rebounds. Thruston, on the other hand saw limited action, as Kansas State had a veteran front line a year ago. He has unlimited talent and the potential to be a super player.

The other Kansas State recruits include 6-2 U.S. Davidson, 6-7 Dean Harris, 6-1 Joe Molinari, 6-4 Dan Droge and 6-1 Kenny Nichols.

KANSAS

After back to back losing seasons, Kansas, with a youthful lineup, appears ready, once again to challenge for the Big Eight championship. Coach Ted Owens begins his 10th season with nine returning lettermen, including the top seven scorers from a year ago. In addition there are seven first rate recruits, six prep standouts and a Juco All-American.

"We went with young players last year and they gained experience, even though we weren't too successful," Owens said. "Things should be a little different now. At least I hope so."

So despite the youth, Kansas has an experienced club. Only two seniors, veteran guards Tom Kivisto and Dave Taynor, are on the roster that also finds eight juniors, two sophomores and six freshmen.

Kivisto and 6-9 junior pivot Rick Suttle lead the returnees. Kivisto, who has started every game in his first two varsity seasons, averaged 8.6 while pacing the club in assists. Suttle average 16.3 points and 8.2 rebounds to lead the Jayhawks in both departments.

Likely to join Kivisto in the back court is 6-2 junior Dale Greenlee (9.0). Greenlee finished the 1972-73 campaign in a blaze, leading KU scorers in three of the last five games. Other returnees in the back court include Taynor, the 6-4 senior (4.7) and 6-0 junior Marshall Rogers (7.6).

Danny Knights, a 6-10 junior (8.8) and Nino Samuel, a 6-5 sophomore (2.7) were the other front court starters down the stretch last year with 6-4 junior Tommy Smith (7.2) and 6-4 junior Mike Fiddelke (3.6) in reserve.

Changes are likely to come up front with the addition of Donnie Von Moore and Norman Cook, a pair of 6-9 freshmen, and 6-6 All-American Juco forward Roger Morningstar. Other freshmen recruits were 6-5 Bob Emery, 6-4 Dale Haverman, 6-5 Jack Hollis and 6-4 Reuben Shelton.

COLORADO

Colorado played well when it had to a year ago, and was the surprise team of the Big Eight finishing tied for second in the league with a 9-5 mark. Overall, the Buffalos were 13-13.

It was a remarkable comeback for coach Sox Walseth's team which only a year before had recorded the worst mark in the school's history. It was not surprising that Walseth was selected as the Big Eight Coach-of-the-Year.

The Buffaloes have four starters returning, but still lack the consistency in the middle to be able to battle the other strong teams in the league.

Best of the returnees is 6-7 senior Scott Wedman, an all Big Eight forward, who averaged 17.7 points—second best in the conference—and pulled down 9.3 rebounds per contest.

Unless one of two transfers, 6-6, 230-pound Lewis Burns or 6-10 Doug Layne come through, Wedman might wind up playing center and the Buffs will really have to scrap for every game on the boards.

The likely forward starters are 6-4 sophomore David Logan, who hit at a 12.4 norm as a freshman before being sidelined by the books and 6-5 senior Lee Haven (11.7). Logan's availability to the squad will depend on how well the football team does. He's starting wingback and if the club makes it to a bowl game, Logan won't be available until possibly January. Haven can also play the back court if necessary. Another possibility up front is 6-5 Bill Cole (5.8), who also put in some time at center.

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WES HARRIS
Iowa State

ANDY HOPSON
Oklahoma State

JERRY FORT
Nebraska

LARRY WILLIAMS
Kansas State

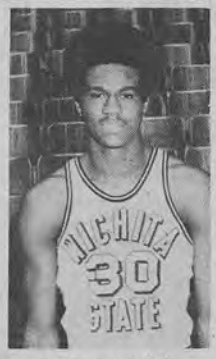
AL EBERHARD
Missouri

ALVIN ADAMS
Oklahoma

MIDLANDS

MISSOURI VALLEY CONF.

BILLY BUFORD
Memphis State



BOB WILSON
Wichita State

TIM CARSON
Tulsa

"TREE" GRANT
New Mexico State

WES WESTFALL
Memphis State

ULYSSES BRIDGEMAN
Louisville

JIM BOSTIC
New Mexico State

TONY WRIGHT
N. Texas State

WILLIE BILES
Tulsa

BILL LAURIE
Memphis State

JIM CARUTHERS
Bradley

ALLEN MURPHY
Louisville

DAVE KLOBUCHER
Bradley

LOUISVILLE

For Louisville coach Denny Crum, the new season can't come soon enough. The Cardinals are harboring throughts of, not only a Missouri Valley Conference championship, but a contender for the national championship.

Back from last year's 23-7 squad is the entire starting five. And this is a team which beat NCAA runner-up Memphis State by 14 points and advanced to the quarter finals of the NIT.

The standout returnees are 6-4 Allen Murphy and 6-5 Ulysses "Junior" Bridgeman. Murphy was the Cardinals leading scorer a year ago (16.1 points and 5.2 rebounds) and had 36 points against American U. in the first round of the NIT. Murphy, who connected on 52 per cent of his field goal attempts, was named to the Missouri Valley All Conference team.

Bridgeman, who played guard on offense while defensing the opposition's top forward, ranked second in scoring (13.8), third in rebounding (6.8) and third in assists.

Both are likely to be in the back court this season, because room will have to be found for 6-6 freshman Wesley Cox, who is considered the finest prep product to come out of Kentucky since Wes Unseld.

Others in contention for jobs up front are 6-8½ senior Bill Bunton and 6-1 senior Bill Butler, both starters a year ago. Bunton was the leading rebounder (9.6) and he shared the center spot. Butler, despite his lack of height, averaged 13.6 points and 7.8 rebounds.

There's additional strength in the back court. Terry Howard, a 6-2 senior averaged 9.3 points as a starter and was the team leader in assists with 114.

The Cardinals will have tremendous depth. To replace a big man up front, Crum can call on Ike Whitfield, a 6-8½ junior college transfer, who averaged 19.6 points and 13.5 rebounds at Compton J.C. (Calif.) He was the MVP in the 90 school Califonria ranks.

Other returning lettermen are 6-2 sophomore Phillip Bond and 6-4 sophomore Jim Abrams. Other than Cox, the freshman with the best chance of playing is 6-5 Wayne Cosby.

Louisville should win the Valley and be a top team.

WICHITA STATE

Remember the name Rudy Jackson. He is destined to become one of the superstars of college basketball and could immediately help to turn around the Wichita basketball program. Last year the Shockers were a disappointing 10-16.

Jackson is a 6-9 center who was an All-American (as a freshman) at Hutchinson Junior College (Kan.). Big Rudy averaged 28 points and 16 rebounds a game, and observers say he never really extended himself. He has the tools and the skills to become Wichita's greatest player ever, surpassing the marks of Dave Stallworth.

Not only did coach Harry Miller come up with Jackson, but he added another big man, who should see plenty of action. He's 6-11 Richard Elmore, the brother of Maryland All-American Lenny Elmore. Richard is a big, strong rebounder.

As for the veterans, Bob Wilson (17.6) returns at guard along with Cal Bruton (8.0), Virgil Tucker (4.4) and newcomer from the freshman team Mike Edgar. Wilson was a key man last year as he carried the scoring load and shot .483 percent from the floor.

At forward, Rich Morsdent (also a center) tallied 15.0 points while Bill Lang hit 6.7. Morsdent led the team in rebounding with 8.1 per game while Lang was second with 5.7 grabs.

The outlook is good for the Shockers. As Miller said, "We'll see what we'll see but I'll tell you this, we're going for all the marbles."

He had better because as good as Jackson is, there's little doubt that he'll be snapped up by the pros at the end of the season. It's a good one shot gamble, though. Look out for Wichita State!

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MIDLANDS

MIDLANDS IND.

EDDIE WOODS
Oral Roberts

JOHN PATERSON
Oral Roberts

RALPH BOBIK
Creighton

ORAL ROBERTS

The Oral Roberts Titans, who compiled a 95-17 record in four years with Richie Fuqua as their leading scorer, embark on a new era and it looks like more success is on the way.

Fuqua, who averaged 28 points a game over his career, actually hurt the Titans last season, when he hit for 23.5 points, but shot only .377 from the floor.

Coach Ken Trickey has an excellent replacement to fill the void left by Fuqua, and it's the only one in the starting lineup. Sam McCants, a 6-3 redshirt, is a high scoring guard and he's more disciplined than his predecessor.

The rest of the lineup is awesome. In the middle, there's David Vaughn, a 7-0 junior, who averaged 19.2 points and 14.3 rebounds, shooting .530 per cent from the floor. Vaughn is destined to be a super college center.

He'll be joined on the front line by 6-8 senior Greg McDougald (12.9 points and 8.8 rebounds) and 6-7 senior Eddie Woods (12.6 points and 11.2 rebounds). The front line led the nation in total rebounds and ranked number four in rebounding margin. The Titans averaged 65.6 caroms per game.

Oral Roberts also led the nation in scoring for the second straight year with an average of 97.3 after having set an all-time NCAA record of 105.1 in 1971-72.

Additional help up front will come from holdover, 6-8 John Patterson (8.3 points and 5.3 rebounds), junior college transfer, 6-8 Willis Collins and freshmen 6-7 Alvin Scott.

The remaining spot in the backcourt aside McCants will go to either Al Boswell, a 6-4 junior, who averaged 7.2, mainly as a reserve, or 6-5 freshman Anthony Roberts, who like Fuqua and Vaughn, was the number one player in Tennessee during his junior and senior years.

Oral Roberts will still be one of the finest teams in the country.

CREIGHTON

With three starters back who averaged in double figures, Creighton would appear to, have a shot at some kind of post season honors.

Last year, the Bluejays finished 15-11, but were in contention for a tournament bid until they dropped the final three games of the campaign.

Coach Eddie Sutton, who does a masterful job with his available talent, will likely call on a starting lineup of 6-6 senior Gene Harmon (15.8 points and 5.6 rebounds) and 6-1 senior Ted Wuebben (10.5 points and 8.4 rebounds) at the forwards, 6-8 junior Doug Brookins (10.3 points and 4.8 rebounds at center, and 6-4 junior Charles Butler (5.7) and 6-7 senior Ralph Bobik (8.8) at the guards.

"The only major loss we suffered was Al Lewis," said Sutton. "He played well for us, but I think we have the material to replace him. The thing that makes me feel encouraged is that this is an unselfish team and winners are made out of clubs like this."

Backup help will come from Dave Terek, Wayne Groves and Tom Anderson, all of whom saw varsity action a year ago.

Sutton is also very high on his incoming freshman and feels that all have a chance to get in some varsity playing time. They are 6-3 guard Andy Sottosanti, 6-5 Cornell Smith, 6-3 guard Bob Scrutchens and 6-3½ Mike Moore.

The Bluejays have a rugged independent schedule, yet they have the talent to compete with most. The only problem will be one of depth. If the regulars stay out of foul trouble, look out!

DAVID VAUGHN
Oral Roberts

TED WUEBBEN
Creighton

GENE HARMON
Creighton

AL BOSWELL
Oral Roberts

GREG MCDOUGALD
Oral Roberts

OKLAHOMA CITY

You can say one thing about former Oklahoma City coach Abe Lemmons. He picked the right time to switch jobs.

Lemmons, the veteran coach at OCU, quit following a 21-6 season, which included a bid to the NCAA championship playoffs, to take over as boss at Pan American. With him will probably go the run and gun attack he made famous.

The new coach is Paul Hansen, who has served for 18 years as an assistant. All he had to do initially is find a couple of players to replace the firepower supplied for the past couple of seasons by Ozzie Edwards and Marvin Rich. A year ago, Edwards averaged 28.4 points and Rich 25.3 and they were the No. 2 and No. 3 rebounders. The duo shared honors or were the leading scorer in each and every game last year.

"For the most part, it will be like rebuilding a new program," said Hansen. "This will be a season in which I'll do a lot of experimenting and one in which my assistants will be on the road quite a bit doing some heavy recruiting.

The squad will be built around Ronald Brown, who averaged 8.9 points and was the leading rebounder with 10.7 points a game. Brown was not what you would call a very good shooter, hitting only .359 of his field goal attempts.

Only two other varsity players from a year ago—Lacy Lanier and Herbert Gilkey are around—and they'll probably win starting jobs by default. Lanier averaged 5.3 points as a top reserve, while Gilkey hit at a 2.7 norm while seeing very limited action.

It does indeed look like a long season for Oklahoma City.

MIDLANDS

MIDLANDS SMALLER SCHOOLS

DON GUNHUS
North Dakota

FRED WALKER
KSU

Returning NAIA All-America Syl Cuyler (L.) teams with Wardell Smith (33) at Marymount.

RICK FISCHER
N. North Dakota

RON WIBLEMO
S. Dakota St.

DEON KAYHILL
C. Missouri St.

S. CUYLER
Marymount

ROLLIE BORTH
S. Dakota

South Dakota's Rick Nisson proved himself iron man with 26 starts in freshman year.

JIM BLAYDES
N.E. MISSOURI

JIM HEARNS
Marymount

CHARLIE CUTLER
S. Dakota

LOU GREGORY
N.E. Missouri

NORTHEAST MISSOURI STATE

After a season classified as "disappointing" (12-13), Willard Sims hopes he has found needed new personnel to mesh with returnees, in order to project the Bulldogs next winter into MIAA title contention or at least a higher conference finish than last year's fifth-place slot.

Seven returning lettermen, headed by 6'-6" great center Lee Smith, and four promising newcomers, should provide the NMSU mentor with more fire power, size and tighter defense, despite the loss of the leading two point-producers, Lou Gregory and G. V. Saffarrans.

Top holdovers besides Smith include 6-0 backliner Jim Blaydes, 6-7 forward Mark Seip and 6-4½ forward-center Bobbie Brown. Ted Petchell, 6-5 forward-center, played only sparingly last year because of knee problems.

Best of the new personnel appear to be 6-5 junior forward Jim Moton from Jefferson College, 6-3½ junior guard Dan MeMartin from Lansing (Mich.) Community College, 6-5 freshman forward-center Bob Grey and 6-4 freshman forward-guard Bob Young.

NORTH DAKOTA

Defense-minded North Dakota will resort to excellent overall team speed and quickness to offset lack of height. Ray Jones, an exciting 5-5 junior college playmaker, is one of the keys for Coach Dave Gunther's fourth North Dakota team. The Fighting Sioux had a 16-10 mark last season and should be challenging for North Central Conference supremacy this season.

Expected to join Jones in the starting lineup are 5-10 guard Rick Fischer, 6-7 center Austin Martin, 6-5 forward John Thorpe and 6-4 forward Don Gunhus.

Top frosh recruits include 6-4 forward Tom Petrik, 6-1 guard Greg Nero, and 6-8 center Joe Peulen.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Two starters plus the top reserve graduated but it doesn't look that bad for the Coyotes who finished 17-9 last season. Returning starters are 6-8 Rollie Borth, at either forward of high post; 5-11 guard Charlie Cutler, an All-North Central Conference performer last year; and 6-0 Guard Rick Nissen, who started all 26 varsity games last year as a freshman.

Leading candidates to join the starting lineup include 6-8 sophomore Joe Mueting, who scored 17 points and grabbed 14 rebounds per game on last season's unbeaten junior varsity; and 6-6 Dennis Sherburn, a transfer student. Dennis played his high school ball for new Coyote coach Jack Doyle at Lead (S.D.) High School.

There wasn't much depth among the underclassmen on last year's varsity, but top players from last year's unbeaten junior varsity team are expected to provide needed strength. Along with Mueting, 6-6½ Jay Schmechel and 6-5 Dwight Iverson will be moving up from the JV squad.

AUGUSTANA

The Augustana Vikings, under the direction of Mel Klein, who was selected as the District Five Coach of the Year, finished last season with a 17-9 record. This was the most wins recorded by any Augustana team.

This year's squad will return ten lettermen led by 6-9 soph Davor Rukavina (16.4 points and 10.8 rebounds). Neil Klutman (6-2) is the leading returnee at the guard position. Other returning lettermen include John Ritterbusch, Scott Sandvig, and Tom Mulso. Add transfers Stan Krebs and Jeff

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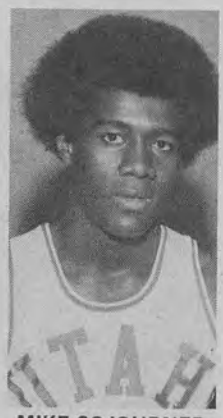
SOPHOMORE ALL AMERICANS

QUINN BUCKNER
Indiana

BILL COOK
Memphis St.



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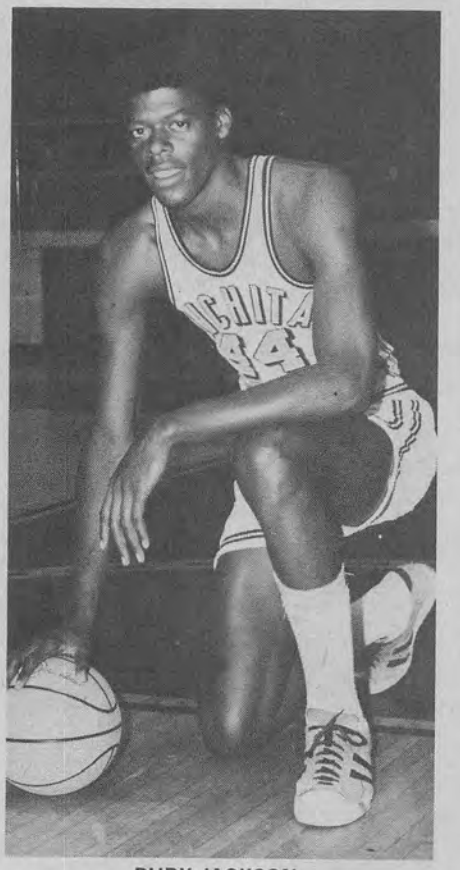

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Wichita State

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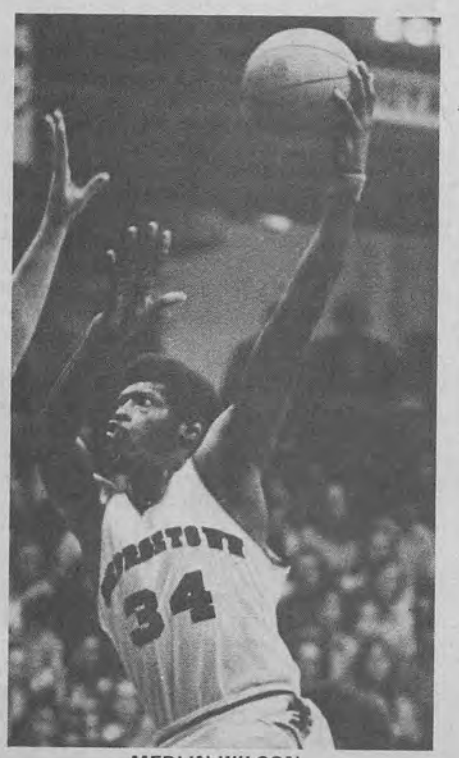
Arizona

ALVAN ADAMS
Oklahoma



MERLIN WILSON
Georgetown

SOPHOMORE ALL AMERICANS

FORWARDS

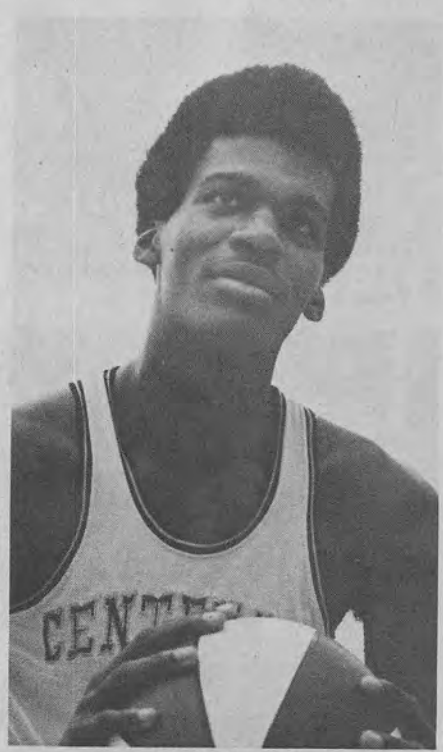
CONIEL NORMAN	ARIZONA
JEFF FOSNES	VANDERBILT
ALVAN ADAMS	OKLAHOMA
IRA TERRELL	SMU
WALLY WALKER	VIRGINIA
PHIL SELLERS	RUTGERS
ALEX ENGLISH	SOUTH CAROLINA
MIKE SOJOURNER	UTAH

CENTERS

LEON DOUGLAS	ALABAMA
RUDY JACKSON	WICHITA STATE
ROBERT PARRISH	CENTENARY
MERLIN WILSON	GEORGETOWN

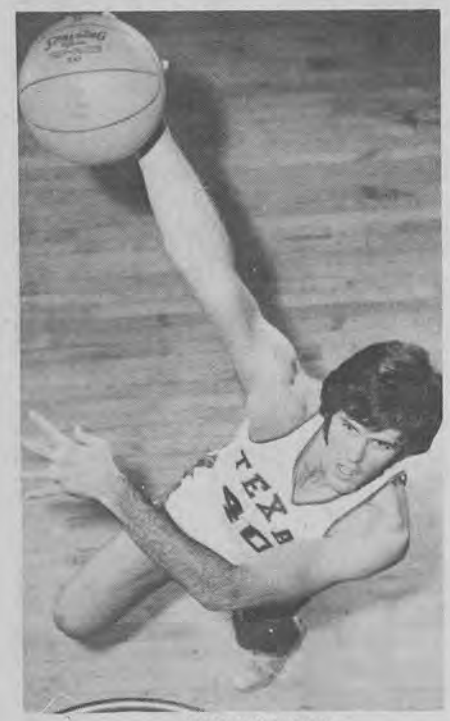
GUARDS

QUINN BUCKNER	INDIANA
FLY WILLIAMS	AUSTIN-PEAY
JOHN LUCAS	MARYLAND
RON LEE	OREGON
BUBBLES HAWKINS	ILLINOIS STATE
BILL COOK	MEMPHIS ST.
LARRY FOGLE	SOUTHWESTERN LA
EARL TATUM	MARQUETTE



ROBERT PARRISH
Centenary

SOUTHWEST SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE



JOHN WILSON
Texas

JERRY AHART
Baylor

MIKE FLOYD
Texas A & M

SAMMY HERVEY
SMU

CHARLES MCKINNEY
Baylor

LYNN ROYAL
TCU

Ira Terrell (32) SMU's talented center earned best frosh rating in southwest.

SMU

Two years ago, SMU was considered to be just an average club. So what did they do but win the Southwest Conference title. Then last season, the Mustangs were the clear cut favorite. They flopped and finished fifth in the conference and wound up with a 10-15 mark. It was a season of discontent with saw some flareups among the players and also resulted in the firings of two assistant coaches.

Ten of the top 13 scorers, including five of the top six—two first team All-SWC choices—return. This immediately makes the Mustangs the team to beat.

Up front SMU has a formidable one-two punch in 6-7 senior forward Sammy Hervey, and 6-8 sophomore center Ira Terrell. Hervey, a first team selection, finished second in the league in scoring with a 21.5 average and averaged 9.6 rebounds (11.0) in the conference. Terrell, the best freshman in the southwest, was the conference leader in rebounding with 14.1 per game, hit at a 19.4 norm and made .572 per cent of his field goal attempts.

The remaining spot up front will go to either 6-9 sophomore Jeff Cummings—the most valuable junior varsity player (21.7 points and 14.9 rebounds)—or 6-7 junior Rusty Bourquein (2.0).

In the back court, the Mustangs are in good shape too. Zack Theil, a 6-0 senior, hopes to rebound from an off season. As a sophomore, he was All-SWC. Last year, Thiel averaged 11.7 points and led the club in assists. His mate will be either 6-2 senior Ricky Billik (8.5) or 5-10 junior Joe Galindo (2.1). Another possibility is 6-4 junior James Murphy (5.1).

Coach Bob Prewitt will get an early chance to test his club. Scheduled before conference play gets underway are Kansas State, Missouri, UCLA. Marquette and Oklahoma City, all of whom were in post-oeason tournaments a year ago.

BAYLOR

If Baylor can find a couple of playmaking guards, there may be no stopping the Bears this season in the Southwest Conference race.

All three members of an awesome front line return and they were mainly reponsible for the strong showing a year ago when the club was 14-11 overall and 8-6 in the SWC. The trio represents better than 50 points and 22 rebounds a game.

The top returnee is 6-4 senior forward Jerry Ahart, who led the Bears with a gaudy 20.2 scoring average—22.0 in league play. Charlie McKinney, a 6-6 senior center and a teammate of Ahart's two years ago when they played for Tyler Junior College (Tex.), averaged 16.9 points and 11.4 rebounds per contest. The third front court starter is 6-6 senior Lee Griffin, whose stats last season were 14.7 points and 6.0 rebounds.

"We're not exceptionally big up front, but our starters have great quickness and outstanding leaping ability," said Baylor coach Bill Menefee. They can match any front line in our conference."

Backing up the big guns will be 6-6 junior Charles Bassett (0.9), 6-5 senior Mark Wattier (3.7), 6-5 junior James Weaver (2.4) and incoming freshmen 6-9 Tom Hutchison, 6-7 Jeff Miller and 6-10 McGuire.

Steve Dallas, a 6-1 senior, who was used as the top reserve a year ago, figures to get one of the starting jobs. He averaged five points a game. The other job will be battled for among 5-10 junior Buddy Carlisle, 6-0 senior Mike Luce and a couple of highly touted yearlings, 6-3 Billy Carlisle and 6-1 John Coulster.

Baylor is capable of sneaking in and winning the SWC championship.

TEXAS A&M

Texas A&M put on a strong finish to tie for second in the Southwest Conference race a year ago and rate some consideration for the National Invitation Tournament. The outlook for this campaign could be as bright if some newcomers perform as expected.

Coach Shelby Metcalf, entering his 11th season as the winningest Aggie cage coach ever, guided A&M to a 17-9 season record and a 9-5 SWC mark.

Eight of the 11 players return, including three starters and the top two reserves. Back are 6-6 forward Randy Knowles, who led the team in scoring (17.4) and was second in rebounding (9.7), guard Mike Floyd and center Jerry Mercer.

"At the end of the season, I thought Floyd was the best guard in the conference," said Metcalf of the 5-10 junior. He averaged 12.5 points, while contributing 75 assists. Mercer, a 6-9 junior, came into his own as the season progressed and finished with a 4.1 average.

The remaining two starting berths could be filled by 6-8 junior Cedric Joseph and 6-7 senior Chuck Tone, both of whom started at the beginning of last season. Joseph averaged 8.1 points and 9.4 rebounds and set a school record with 23 retrieves in one game. Tone hit at a 6.4 norm.

Also contending for starting berths will be 6-7 Webb Williams (2.7), 6-8 C.W. Guthrie (2.3) and redshirts 6-4 Ray Roberts and 6-2 Steve Chambers.

ARKANSAS

Arkansas coach Lanny Van Eman has done a remarkable job rebuilding what was one of the worst basketball programs in the country. The Razorbacks were 16-10 last year, the best mark since 1961, and the 9-5 record and second place finish in the Southwest Conference was their highest standing in league play since winning the championship in 1958.

Van Eman will have a tough time duplicating last season's win total. After all, it's not easy to replace three starters who accounted for 47 points. Among them was Martin Terry, the SWC Player of the Year.

The Razorbacks will be led by 6-7 senior Dean Tolson, who averaged 17.6 points and 12.4 rebounds per game and 17.3 points and 14.3 rebounds in SWC play. He could turn into one of the top players in the country.

Joining Tolson up front will be 6-7 Dennis White (6.7 points and 6.1 rebounds)—a season long starter a year ago—and either Roger Spears or sophomore Jack Schulte, both of whom are 6-7. Spears hit for 3.3 points in 14 varsity contests while Schulte averaged 27.8 points, including one game of 50 for the junior varsity. Backup help will be provided by three incoming freshmen—6-4 Sylvester Allen, 6-5 Rayfus Buckner and 6-6 Randy Lloyd.

Holdovers Ricky Medlock and Steve Price will battle a couple of junior college transfers—Ted Thompson and Robert Birden for the starting back court jobs. Medlock, who led the SWC freshmen in scoring two seasons ago (33.4) averaged 5.6 points while seeing limited action. Price hit for 2.8 points. Thompson, was the second leading JC scorer in the nation a year ago (29.9) while Birden averaged 23.3 points and 11.2 rebounds.

Van Eman certainly can't be criticized for ducking teams either. The Razorbacks open their season in Los Angeles against UCLA.

RICE

The Rice Owls will be practically starting all over with the top three scorers gone following two straight losing seasons. In 1972-73, it was 7-19 and the year before, 6-20.

Coach Don Knodel is dynamic and a first rate recuiter. He scoured the country and came up with seven new players, most of whom should help immediately.

From the junior college ranks, he obtained Wynn Wilson, a 6-2 guard from Menlo J.C., where he was the Most Valuable Player in the California Junior College Ranks. Needless to say, Wilson will step right in at guard.

Knodel feels that Jan Jacob, a 6-9 postman from Coffeyville (Kan.) J.C. is the big man he will need in the middle. Jacob. Jacob averaged 15 points and 17 rebounds on one of the best Juco teams in the country.

Among the freshman, 6-7 forward Mark Landsberger figures to have the best chance of starting. The No. 1 prep player in Minnesota, he averaged 27 points and 16 rebounds as a senior.

Other freshmen signees include 6-8 Bart Harrison, 6-7 Howard Laidlaw, 6-3 Jeff Tunnell and 66½ Dwight Whitson.

Best of the returnees from last season are 62 senior guard Scott Fisher (7-8) and 6-6 junior forward Tim Moriarty (7.5). Five other players round out the squad-Chuck Saus, a 6-2 sophomore guard (4.0), Randy Youngling, a 6-7 senior forward (4.6), Steve Lukingbeal, a 6-7 junior forward (4.5), and Danny Carroll, a 6-7 junior forward (3.0).

The young squad will benefit greatly from the fact that the first seven games of the season will be played at home. However, even that might not help.

TCU

Coach Johnny Swain expects a much improved ballclub, since he has lost only one part timer from his 1972 team which was 4-21 overall and 2-12 in the Southwest Conference.

It was a turnabout year for the Horned Frogs, who, only the season before posted a 15-9 mark and wound up second in league play.

"For the most part, we went with very young players last season and it was just a matter of letting them get adapted to the college game," said Swain. "Our objective now is to put five guys on the floor who will play together. That's the only way for us to come up in the standings."

The club will be built around 6-7 sophomore Lynn Royal, one of the top yearlings in the country a year ago. Royal averaged 16.2 points and 7.6 rebounds, both team highs, while shooting .446 from the floor. He did experience problems with fouling and was disqualified from nine games.

Royal can play either forward or center and much will depend on how much 6-6 transfer Ted Jones fits in. Jones, a junior college All-American at Henderson Country (Tex.) could provide leadership, something the Horned Frogs have been in desperate need of. The other possibility up front is 6-10 Wayne Waymon (7.7 points and 6.8 rebounds) to go with the other regular 6-6 sophomore Gary Landers (9.1).

There's experience in the back court with 6-3 junior Eddie Fitzhugh (6.8) and 6-3 senior Herb Stephens (7.0).

The Frogs will also have to improve on their field goal shooting which was an anemic .408 a year ago. They'll be better but another long season is in the offing.

TEXAS

The success of Texas' basketball team will rest on the physical condition of All American forward Larry Robinson.

When healthy, Robinson is one of the finest cornermen in the country. But, he's had problems during his varsity campaign, avoiding the injury bug.

Now, in his senior year, Robinson will be the key in the Longhorns attempt to wrestle back the Southwest Conference championship they held two seasons ago.

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HARRY LARRABEE
Texas

IRA TERRELL
SMU

RANDY KNOWLES
Texas A & M

DEAN TOLSON
Arkansas

GARY LANDERS
TCU

RICKEY MEDLOCK
Arkansas

LARRY ROBINSON
Texas

SOUTHWEST SOUTHLAND CONFERENCE

FRED SAUNDERS
S.W. Louisiana

J. H. WILLIAMS
Arkansas State

Louisiana Tech's Bobby Wyatt may see full time duty at guard. He has a 6.9 average.

EDMOND LAWRENCE
McNeese State

STEVE BROOKS
Arkansas State

SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

Despite the loss of All-American guard Dwight Lamar (31.0) and the departure of Roy Ebron for the pro ranks, Southwestern Louisiana should be in the thick of the Southland Conference race.

Also gone is controversial Beryl Shipley, who coached SW Louisiana for 16 seasons, 15 of them winning ones. He resigned last May.

Three top players are expected to pace the Ragin' Cajuns—6-5 sophomore Larry Fogle, 6-6 senior Robert Wilson and 6-7 senior Fred Saunders.

Fogle, a player of unlimited potential, averaged 14.8 points and 7.8 rebounds, and he was only a part time starter. He shared the job with Wilson, who scored at an 11 point norm, along with 7.6 rebounds.

Saunders, who played for the U.S. against the Russians on the cross country tour this past Spring, has been a three year starter. He averaged 7.4 points. and 9.6 rebounds and usually was called on to take the opposition's top forward on defense.

Andre Brown, a 6-8 sophomore center, will be the man in the middle for the Cajuns. He's another player with outstanding potential. Another possibility is Keith Bowman, a 6-8 transfer.

Sophomore Percy Wells is the only returning guard with any practical game experience, although Fogle can play the back court if the need arises. Wells average is 3.5 points.

The toughest of all for the Cajuns will be the fact that they will be a team with nowhere to go. They are certain to face the wrath of the NCCA for what has been termed an unusually high number of recruiting violations.

MC NEESE STATE

Only one letterman departed from McNeese State's 1972-73 basketball squad. As a result, the upcoming season is one which should culminate in the Southland Conference championship.

After all, a total of nine lettermen, including standouts Henry Ray and Edmond Lawrence, return for coach Bill Reigel. The club was 197 overall a year ago and finished in second place in league play with an 8-4 mark.

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SOUTHWEST SOUTHWEST IND.

JIM SKAGGS
Houston Baptist

GARY CROWTHERS
Hardin-Simmons

LOUIS DUNBAR
Houston

TERRY GARNER
Houston Baptist

BRUCE KING
Pan American

Willie Bennett's (50) 11.6 avg., should ease rebuilding task at Houston Baptist.

HOUSTON

Blessed with some of the best raw talent in the country a year ago, coach Guy Lewis guided Houston to a 23-4 record and another trip to the NCAA playoffs. But, once again, the Cougars took the pipe and were hammered out in the first round by Southwestern Louisiana. At least that's not as bad as what happened the year before when the loss came at the hands of Texas.

Lewis lost three outstanding players—three-year starter Steve Newsome, who led the club in shooting, assists and steals and was second in rebounding and third in scoring; Dwight Jones, an Olympian, who signed a hardship pro contract after leading the Cougars in rebounding and finishing as a runnerup in scoring; and back court regular, Jerry Bonney.

This year's edition will be built around two players with superstar capabilities as 6-9 guard Louis Dunbar and 6-10 center Maurice Presley, both of whom are juniors.

Dunbar, who can play anywhere on the court, averaged 21.1 points a game, including a 32-point effort against NCAA semifinalist Indiana. He was the club's leading scorer. Dunbar may be moved back to forward if Lewis can find some consistency in the back court.

Presley was erratic at times last season but still managed to average 8.9 points and 8.0 rebounds a contest.

Contesting for jobs in the front court will be lettermen 6-9 Sidney Edwards (6.8 points and 5.2 rebounds) and 6-8 sophomore David Marrs (2.3).

Lewis is hoping that freshman Otis Birdson, a phenominal shooter will solve many of his back court problems. He'll battle holdover 6-2 Donnell Hayes (5.8), and Ed Riska (2.3) and Randy Green, who led the junior varsity team in scoring.

With North Carolina and Louisville on the road as openers, Houston should find out in a hurry how good it can be. The potential is certainly there. Lewis always has the players.

HARDIN-SIMMONS

Five of the top seven players are back from the team which won its last seven games enroute to a 16-9 record last year, so coach Russell Berry is optimistic about the coming campaign, his second at Hardin-Simmons.

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SOUTHWEST SOUTHWEST SMALLER SCHOOLS

DENNIS WERNER
Trinity

BOBBY FURNATTER
Arkansas Tech.

DARRELL HEARNE
Abilene Christian

DAVID BULIK
St. Mary's

FLOYD ALLEN
Sam Houston

JIMMY CUNNINGHAM
Arkansas Tech.

Sam Witherspoon (34) will be a starter at Henderson State. New personnel hold key.

HENDERSON STATE

Coming off a 22-7 season which ended in a tie for the Conference Championship, coach Don Dyer expects his Henderson state team to improve as the season progresses. Success will depend largely on the performance of the new personnel.

Likely starters are Lee Clay, Steve Reynolds, Sam Witherspoon, Jerry Bradley, Ricky Houston and Mark Steighorst.

Top freshmen include Enos Mitchell, Gary Lippert and Milton Andrews.

STATE COLLEGE OF ARKANSAS

After a five-year losing streak, State College of Arkansas put together a winning season (15-11) in 1972-73. And with all five starters returning, the outlook is good for the 1973-74 season. Joe Couch, a 6-4 senior, and John Hutchcraft, a 6-6 junior, head the returnees. Couch averaged 19 points per game and Hutchcraft averaged 17.8 points and 11.5 rebounds. The other returning regulars are 6-2 senior Rock Massarelli (11.8), 6-4 senior Joel Tabor (10.7) and 6-2 junior Mike Holman (9.9). That group represents a great deal of experience, but lacks rebounding power and overall quickness. Jim Pickett, a 6-5 sophomore, came on strong late in his freshman year and may push for a starting job. James Dickey, a 5-11 guard who played sparingly as a freshman, also is expected to challenge for one of the regular positions.

The Bears signed only three freshmen, but one of them is 6-6 Lawrence (Lanky) Wells, considered by many as the top high school player in Arkansas. He could have a definite impact on the team in his first year.

SCA will have a new head coach in Don Nixon, who served one year as an assistant.

SAM HOUSTON STATE

In spite of the loss of four starters, including the entire front line, the Bearcats outlook is not all that grim. Although there is a definite lack of experience and strength on the boards, coach Archie Porter feels he has a good nucleus in center Floyd Allen and guard Gary Moss.

Likely starters are Allen (9.5) at center, Bill LeGrow and Boyd Noble at the forwards, and Herb Jones and Moss (9.0) at the guards.

Freshmen recruits are Chris McGuire, Larry Cockrel, Carol Frost and Mark Osina.

Coach Porter expects the team to be much stronger at mid-semester with the addition of JoJo Hicks and Dexter Holloway, both transfers who will become eligible at that time.

ARKANSAS COLLEGE

The Arkansas College Scots could field their best team ever during the 1973-74 season. The Scots finished in a fourth place tie in the conference last year with a 16-9 record, and a berth in the NAIA District 17 Playoff.

Four starting seniors will return to the line-up—Milton Sullivan (18.3 points and 8.3 rebounds), Martin Jacobs (11.3 points and 9.5 rebounds), Ed Tatum (12.1) and David McDaniel (6.0). Junior college transfers George Godby and Warren Williams and freshman Mike Forbes will supplement the squad.

The Scots 1973 schedule will be a tough one. Still Coach Lavaughn Robertson expects his team to make a run for the AIC championship.

TEXAS A&I

The Texas A&I Javelinas will have only two

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Tim Vick, high scoring junior with 17.5 avg., is among returning vets at Harding.

HERB JONES
Sam Houston

TIM VICK
Harding

ANDREW PRINCE
Abilene Christian

GARY MOSS
Sam Houston

John Hutchcraft (54) averages 17.8 points and 11.5 rebounds for Arkansas St. College.

ROCKY MOUNTAINS

WESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

Ron Kennedy (54) is Arizona State's candidate for All-American honors as forward.

GABE NAVA
New Mexico

GARY JACKSON
Arizona State

AL FLEMING
Arizona

GUS BAILEY
Texas-El Paso

ARIZONA

In just two short seasons, Fred "Fox" Snowden has turned Arizona into a major college basketball power.

The year before Snowden's arrival, the Wildcats were 6-20 and couldn't fill a 3,000-seat gym. In Snowden's first campaign, Arizona went 16-10 and getting tickets to a 13,658 seat arena was next to impossible.

Seven lettermen are back, including a trio who gained stardom as freshmen. They are 6-5 swingman Coniel Norman, who averaged 24.0 points a game and was the Most Valuable Player in the Western Athletic Conference; 6-2 Eric Money, who tallied 18.9 points per contest and 6-8 Al Fleming who hit for 12.8 points and grabbed 9.9 rebounds.

Four other lettermen are back—6-2 senior guard Ron Allen (9.2) as a season long starter, 6-4 junior Randy Echols (1.9), 6-2 sophomore Jim Rappis (7.8) and 67 senior Jim Wakefield (1.1)

Arizona was hampered somewhat last season with the lack of a consistent inside scoring threat. That has probably been solved with the addition of 6-10, 220-pound prep All-American Bob Elliott. He's just one of six exceptional recruits.

Other incoming freshmen are 6-5 Herman Harris (who should play a lot), 6-10 Bob Aleksa, 6-7 Jay Geldmacher, 6-8½ Jerome Gladney (a real sleeper), and 6-5 Len Gordy.

Rounding out the squad are non lettermen, 6-8 Greg Aitchison, 6-5 senior John Bradley, 6-7 junior Dave Burns and 6-5 junior Kevin Kinkade.

TEXAS-EL PASO

Just how well Texas-El Paso does this season will be determined by and large on the physical condition of James Forbes. The veteran of both Pan American and Olympic competition played less than half the games last year due to a knee injury. Off-season surgery supposedly corrected the situation but Forbes has been slow to heal.

Teaming with Forbes will be All-WAC first teamer Gus Bailey, a 6-5 swingman, who led in scoring with a 14.3 mean and second in rebounding with seven per game.

Rounding out the list of starters back is 6-9 sophomore center Gary Brewster (11.8 points and 6.6 rebounds), 5-9 senior guard Beto Bautista (7.4), 6-8 sophomore forward John Saffle (3.7) and 6-3 junior guard Rudy Alverez (5.8).

Part time starter 6-8 junior forward Ed Lynum (7.0 points and 6.1 rebounds) is also back along with sub guard 6-2 junior Frank Keton (7.7), and 6-7 sophomore James Wafer (1.6).

No matter how the Miners do in the WAC, they are virtually certain of finishing with a good overall record. The reason—Haskins has home games scheduled against the likes of Quincy, Wabash, Wayland Baptist, Missouri Western and Northeast Louisiana.

ARIZONA STATE

Picked to finish last a year ago, Arizona State wound up winning the Western Athletic Conference. The Sun Devils were 19-9 overall and 10-4 in league play.

ASU returns eight lettermen, seven players from the junior varsity and a redshirt. However, among the missing are the starting guards and top two scorers—Mike Contreras and Jim Owens.

The Sun Devils have plenty of size and experience up front. At center it will be 6-11, 260-pound senior Ron Kennedy (10.2 points and 8.7 rebounds).

Ken Gray, a 6-5 senior, and Mark Wasley, a 6-9 senior, figure to be the starting forwards, but somewhere, there's going to have to be a spot for 6-10 sophomore Scott Lloyd, who missed last season

after suffering a broken ankle. Additional front court help will come from 6-8 junior Jack Schrader (3.6).

UTAH

It has taken Bill Foster several seasons, but the Utah coach finally looks like he has put together a winning combination. With the loss of only two players, a vast improvement is expected over last year's 8-19 overall mark (4-10 in the WAC).

Leading the way will be two sophomores Mike Sojourner and Luther "Ticky" Burden.

Burden, a 6-2 standout, led the Redskins in socring the a 13.7 average despite suffering a knee injury during January. He twice scored over 30 points and showed tremendous potential.

The other back court spot will go to either 6-2 senior Tyrone Medley or 6-3 junior Bernard Tomlin. Medley averaged 5.5 points but hit only .350 percent of his field goal attempts. Tomlin, who smashed all kinds of school scoring marks as a freshman, averaged 6.4. He hit on .379 from the floor.

Three freshmen guards—5-11 Brian Cullinan, 6-3 Steve Cantor and 6-0 Jeff Jonas will be the backups.

Joining Sojourner on the front line will be returning letterman 6-8 Charles Whiting and Steve Graham, a 6-7 transfer from North Carolina State. Whiting, who also serves as a backup at center, averaged 6.0 points.

There's excellent reserve strength with 6-8 Charles Menatti (6.3) 6-7 Craig Nielsen, 6-6 Dean Porter and 6-4 Doug Terry, along with newcomers 6-10 Tom Bergen, 6-5 Mike Dunn and 6-9 Andre Means.

WYOMING

Wyoming's new coach Moe Radovich has a team that could be the "darkhorse" in the Western Athletic Conference this season. Six of nine lettermen return, but it's the presence of four outstanding junior college transfers which could really turn around the program.

The six returnees, all starters at one time or another last year, are 6-2 senior guard Ron Crowell, the leading scorer at 12.0 per game; 6-8 senior forward-center Ken Morgan Clark, third in scoring (10.8) and second in rebounding (9.2); 6-6 sophomore forward Jack Adams, fifth in socring (6.2) and third in rebounding (5.8); 6-7 senior senior forward Willie Brown, sixth in scoring (7.7) and fourth in rebounding (5.5); 6-0 senior guard Larry Crowe, seventh in scoring (4.9) and 6-7 junior forward Bill Alexander, eighth in scoring (6.1) and fifth in rebounding (4.0).

Also back are squadmen Henry Butler, a 6-5 junior forward, and Craig Shanor, a 6-8 sophomore center, both of whom saw action with the varsity and jayvees. In addition, up from the JVs are 5-10 sophomore guard Duane Robinson and 6-3 junior guard Dan Ryan. John Wood, a 6-0 sophomore guard, is a redshirt.

Three of the transfers were teammates at Laney (Calif.) Junior College. They are 6-6 forward Tyree Foster, who averaged 15 points and 12 rebounds, enroute to All-State J.C. honors; 6-7 forward Stan Boyer (14 points and 11.2 rebounds) and 6-2 guard Vern May (9.0). The fourth standout is Kris Gravenstein (14 points and 12 rebounds).

NEW MEXICO

It will take nothing short of a miracle for New Mexico to match last season's 21-5 mark which included a National Invitation Tournament bid where the Lobos lost to eventual champion Virginia Tech in the first round.

Coach Norm Ellenberger lost two of his three top scorers—Darryl Minnifield and Chester Fuller, but is still fairly well set, due to good overall depth.

Up front, the Lobos will be paced by 6-5 senior forward Bernard Hardin, who has the potential to be a great player. Hardin averaged 12.5 points and was second in rebounding a year ago. He'll be joined at forward 6-7 senior Mark Saiers, who hit at a 10.0 norm as a starter.

At center will be 6-8½ junior Don Ford, who was used both as a starter and a top reserve last season. Ford hit for 6.9 points and was the fourth leading rebounder.

Reserve help up front will come from 6-4 junior Bob Toppert (1.7), 6-6 Rich Pokorski (1.5) and 6-7 sophomore Daryll Saulsberry.

The Lobos lost both starting guards from last season, but the two reserves gained enough experience to step right in. Gave Nava, a 6-2 senior averaged 6.7, while Wendell Taylor, a 6-1 senior, hit at a 4.3 norm. Backup help will come from Pat King, a 6-0 junior, who saw limited action.

BRIGHAM YOUNG

This is definitely not a year when Brigham Young should be in the thick of the battle for the Western Athletic Conference championship. After two winning campaigns, and placing second last winter, the Cougars face a rather bleak campaign.

Gone are Kresimir Cosic (all WAC center for three seasons), plus the entire front line, which was so devastating.

There are only seven players back from last year—and that includes frosh and jayvees—when the Cougars were 19-7 overall and 9-5 in the WAC.

Coach Glenn Potter has his starting guards returning and they'll form the nucleus of his club. Doug Richards, a 6-3 senior and Belmot Anderson, also a 6-3 senior were second and third in scoring last season with averages of 15.9 and 13.0, respectively. Both are excellent shooters—Richards (50 percent) and Anderson (49 per cent).

Potter has a fine center prospect in 6-9 sophomore Troy Jones. While he is no Cosic, the BYU coach feels he will be adequate.

The two leading candidates for the forward jobs are 6-7 junior Greg Snow, who played only 18 minutes as a sophomore, and 6-9 Jay Cheesman, an all-state performer as a high school senior in Utah.

COLORADO STATE

Colorado State will be without scoring ace Gary Rhoades for the first time in three years, so the Rams coach Jim Williams—heading into his 20th season—will have to come up with some scoring punch.

Rhodes finished his career as Colorado State's number two all-time scorer and also led the Rams for two seasons in rebounding despite being a 6-3 guard.

The bulk of the attack will fall on juniors 6-7½ center Como Pontliana and 6-8 forward Tim Hall. Pontliana was fourth in scoring (7.9) and third in rebounding (6.5) while Hall was fifth in the point parade (7.2) and the number two rebounder (7.5). In a game against Utah, Hall grabbed 19 caroms.

Danny Phillips, a 6-4 senior forward started the final third of last season and wound up with a 5.6 scoring norm. He was particularyly effective in the Western Athletic Conference game. Phillips will probably be switched to guard this season, opening a spot up front for newcomer Brent Wilson. Jim Heck, another of the Rams newcomers, will fill the other spot at guard.

Sophomores 6-3 guard Steve Cribari and 6-4 guard Tery Larrew, look to be the best of the young talent. Cribari split his season bouncing back and forth between the varsity and the JVs and averaged 12.2. Larrew was the leading scorer on the JV crew with a 12.8 average and was also the number two rebounder (7.4).

Colorado State will be hard pressed to match last season's mark of 13-15 overall and 5-9 in the WAC. There's just not enough firepower around.

MARK WILLIAMS
Colorado State

JACK ADAMS
Wyoming

Ken Gray (42), a 6'5" senior figures to start at forward for Arizona State Univ.

Mark Saiers provides the scoring punch at New Mexico. He hit a 10.0 norm last year.

Bill Alexander (54) is one of six returning lettermen for Cowboys of Wyoming Univ.

ROCKY MOUNTAINS

BIG SKY CONFERENCE

Stewart Morrill is the big post man at Gonzaga. The 220 pounder has 15.1 avg.

Montana State's Tom Kastelitz (14) is Bobcats' third leading scorer with 11.3 avg.

DAN DION
Weber State

ROBIN SELVIG
Montana

SCOTT MCDONALD
Montana State

STEVE FLEMING
Weber State

STEVE FLEMING
Weber State

DAN SPINDLER
Idaho State

KEN MCKENZIE
Montana

JIM ANDERSON
Idaho State

ROGER DAVIS
Idaho

WILLIE DAIGLE
Gonzaga

MAURICE BUCKINGHAM
Boise State

MONTANA

Montana's very intrepid basketball coach Jud Heathcote is seeking a quick guard to replace two-time all league selection, Mike Murray, and if he is successful, the Grizzlies will be in the middle of the Big Sky race.

Murray was Montana's leading scorer the past two seasons. Otherwise, there are a host of experienced players returning from the club which finished 13-13 overall and 7-7 in the conference.

Heading the list is 6-9 center Ken McKenzie, who was erratic but led the team in rebounding (9.5) and was their second leading scorer. He'll be joined up front by 6-6½ Larry Smedley, an outstanding sophomore prospect. Smedley averaged 7.3 points and 5.0 rebounds for the defensively minded Grizzlies. The other spot should go to 6-7 Jim Stambaugh, who is back in school after a year's absence, with 6-8½ Tim Blaine and 6-6 Scott Hollenbeck in reserve.

The guard picture is not hopeless without Murray. Robin Selvig is expected to rebound from the knee surgery that hampered him last season. As a sophomore, he averaged 11.7 points a game.

Kevin Rocheleau has the inside track to the guard slot opposite Selvig. The 5-9 hard-nosed defensive player, averaged 4.1 points. Three other lettermen guards, Eric Hays, Mark Nord and Tom Peck, are back and Mark Wells, who hit at a 16 point norm with the frosh, will be given a shot.

WEBER STATE

Weber State is expected to defend six straight Big Sky Conference titles and six NCAA trips in a row with a young team. Only two starters, 6-1 junior guard Dan Dion and 6-5 senior forward Steve Fleming are back.

"We lack experience and a true center," said Weber State coach Gene Visscher. "Our strengths include excellent speed, jumping ability and quickness. Yet, I feel this is the team to beat for the conference title."

Dion, who averaged 9.2 points a game, will likely be joined by Tom DeVita, a 6-0 junior (1.4) in the back court, although John Zakariassen, a 6-0 freshman all-stater from Oklahoma will merit a long look-see.

Fleming (8.0 points and 5.5 rebounds) figures to be teamed with 6-7 Jimmie Watts at the forwards. Watts played quite a bit as a freshman, averaging 6.7 points and 5.3 rebounds a game, while making .503 percent of his field goal attempts.

The center job will most likely go to 6-8, 210 sophomore Al DeWitt, the leading scorer and rebounder on the Jayvee team. DeWitt hit at a 14.9 norm and collared 10.8 rebounds a contest.

Additional help up front will come from letterman 6-5 Brad Tausheck (1.2), sophomores 6-8 Paul Marigney, 6-4 Don Collins and 6-5 Steve Gemelos and 6-8 freshman Tracy Nielsen. Back court reserves are 6-1 transfer Bill Lewis, 6-3 Scott Gardner, who was a redshirt, and frosh John Freed.

IDAHO

Idaho is the mystery team of the Big Sky Conference. The entire starting lineup from a year ago is back, but the question remains as to how much the Vandals closed the gap with the top teams in the league.

"We made a lot of defensive mistakes a year ago," said coach Wayne Anderson, whose team was 7-19 overall and 3-11 in Big Sky play. "Our consistency should be much better."

The Vandals have plenty of offensive firepower in the back court where both 6-2 sophomore Steve

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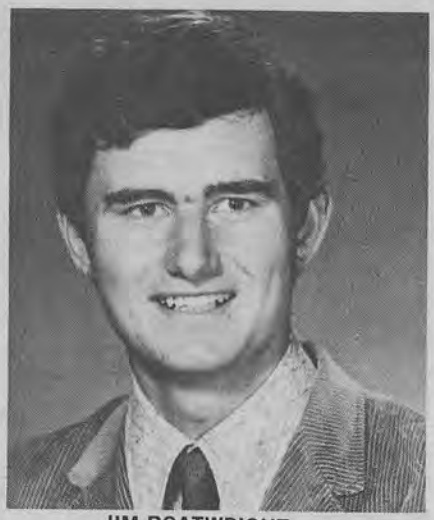
ROCKY MOUNTAINS

ROCKY MOUNTAIN INDEPENDENTS

RICH NICKELSON
Air Force

JOHN JOHNSON
Denver



JIM BOATWRIGHT
Utah State

JIM MOORE
Utah State

DENVER

Denver coach Al Harden made quite an impression in his rookie season by posting a 17-9 mark (second best in the last 30 years), narrowly missing a post season tournament bid. Since only one player is missing, the prospects of Denver making it to the NCAA tournament are excellent.

The Pioneers last season averaged close to 84 points a game and went over the 100 point mark seven times in Harden's "Run, Gun and Have Fun" offense. Leading scorer Joe Wallace (23.1) is gone, but that's it.

Leading the way should be 6-8 senior forward John Johnson (21.1 points and 12.5 rebounds a game) and center George Walls, a 6-10½ senior who netted 11.7 points. Johnson hit.533 per cent of his field goal attempts and was fourth in the nation in free throw shooting. (.893). Walls' field goal percentage was .611 (seventh in the country). He missed the final three games with a knee injury. The knee appears fully recovered after an off-season operation.

The top five guards return including last season's starters—Len Orr and Doug Fredin. Orr, a 6-2 junior, averaged 9.1 points while Fredin, a 6-0 junior, hit at a 6.6 clip. Backup help will be provided by Dan Cramer, Ron Brenning and Jim Flynn.

George Zumbro, a 6-6 junior (4.4), Jim Ludlow, a 7-7 junior (2.4) and 6-7 freshman Greg Champlin will battle to the open spot at forward.

It may be tough to duplicate last year's mark as the schedule is the toughest in the school's history. It includes games with Notre Dame, Brigham Young, Utah State and Stanford, along with appearances in the Blue Bonnet Classic and the Las Vegas Classic.

UTAH STATE

Utah State's new coach, Dutch Belnap, inherits a young team which is in desperate need of a quality center and back court help. These problems could keep the Aggies from reaching last season's 16-10 mark.

Belnap, does have five lettermen back, including leading scorer Jim Boatwright, a 6-8 senior forward. Boatwright averaged 18.7 points and 7.8 rebounds, making 52 percent of his field goal attempts in the process.

Other players appear well set for starting positions, 6-7 sophomore Jimmy Moore and 6-3 Rich Hawes. Moore started 18 games at forward but needs to become much more consistent in his play this season. He averaged 9.4 points and 6.4 rebounds. Hawes, a junior, hit at a 13.3 norm, but was the poorest shooter on the squad (41%). Overall, Utah State had one of the best field goal percentages in the nation (.494).

Hawes backcourt mate will probably be Blair Reed, who was redshirted a year ago. Other possibilities are Mike Rock, who lettered on the varsity as a freshman last season and Gary Erickson and Kerry Rupp, also up from the frosh.

The State strength will be at forward with the leading JV scorer Darly Owens, joining with sophomore Ray Thompson to back up Boatwright and Moore.

Three players—Dan Dressen, Mark Tenhoeve and Ed Gregg—will battle for the starting center job. Dessen, a 6-7 senior, and Mark Tenhoeve, a 6-7 junior, both played briefly last year, averaging 2.3 points each. Gregg, a 7-footer, has excellent credentials. He led Compton Junior College to the championship of the California JC playoffs last season.

If all else fails, Belnap may decide to go with three forwards up front, relying heavily on Boatwright to control the boards.

AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Air Force is hoping that it can again use good defense to come up with another winning basketball season. Last year, the Falcons posted a 14-10 mark, the first winning season at the Academy in seven year, thanks mainly to a defense which held foes to only 59.2 points, fourth mark in the nation.

Coach Hank Egan feels that Falcons will have a good defensive club again, although he has only two starters among his 10 returning lettermen. Both are forwards, 6-5 senior Rich Nickelson and 6-4 junior Jim Eken.

Nickelson was the team's leading scorer with a 16.4 average while Eken averaged 11.2 points and was the top rebounder with a 6.7 average. The other starting front line job should go to 6-6 sophomore Greg Schneider, who hit at a 3.3 norm, while seeing very limited action, due to a broken elbow which sidelined him for 18 games. He was a starter at the beginning of the season. Reserve help will come from 6-5 sophomore Mike Sevier, who scored 4.5 points a game and improved immensely as the season progressed.

In the back court, lots of help is needed. Only Jeff Graves, a 6-2 junior, who averaged 4.0 points in a reserve role, has any kind of experience. The other top candidates for the job include 6-0 junior Will Cason, 6-2 junior Dan Kraft and 6-0 sophomore Rick Schoenlein.

"We should have another good defensive team," said Egan. "We'll probably be a better shooting team than last year (.442) and we'll have good muscle and experience on the front line although lacking size. The performance of our guards will go a long way toward determining our overall success.

ROCKY MOUNTAINS

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SMALLER SCHOOLS

EASTERN MONTANA

Eastern Montana is a good bet to win its third straight NAIA District 5 championship. Coach Mike Harkins lost only one player and has among his returnees, Roy McPipe, one of the finest small college guards in the country.

The Yellowjackets standouts averaged better than 26 points a game last season and passed up a chance at pro ball to return to school. McPipe also averaged an incredible 11.6 rebounds per contest.

Other starters back are 6-6 senior Randy Miller (8.3), 6-4 senior Sam Sullivan (11.5) and 6-5 Chuck Young (6.4). Scott Alexander, a 6-3 senior (5.4) will likely round out the starting lineup with, Larry Cook ind Cecil Conway the top reserves up front.

WESTERN NEW MEXICO

A year ago the Mustangs relied heavily on sophomores, who are now a year more experienced. Coach Dick Drangmeister can call on Joe Mondragon, Ernie Signars, Robin Berg, Kent Wagner and Clarence Brooks, among his championship.

SOUTHERN COLORADO STATE COLLEGE

The loss of All-American guard Cal Tatum is a big one, but Coach Harry Simmons looks for another successful campaign with the return of three starters and six other lettermen, and the addition of two transfers. Top veterans are 6-1 guard Charles Cox (12.2), 6-7 forward Tom Peterson (16.1) and 6-9 Russ Brailsford. Other returning lettermen are guards Kirk Olich, John Provost and Chuck Kochenberger, swingmen Terry Fleck and Mike Zaremba, and center Mike Stapleton. Freshman Dan Daugherty and senior transfer Paul Gronwaller will be key additions.

Simmons looks for Cox, who was the most improved player at the end of last season, to take up some of the slack created by the loss of Tatum. This team has the potential to match last year's record of 19-9.

ADAMS STATE COLLEGE

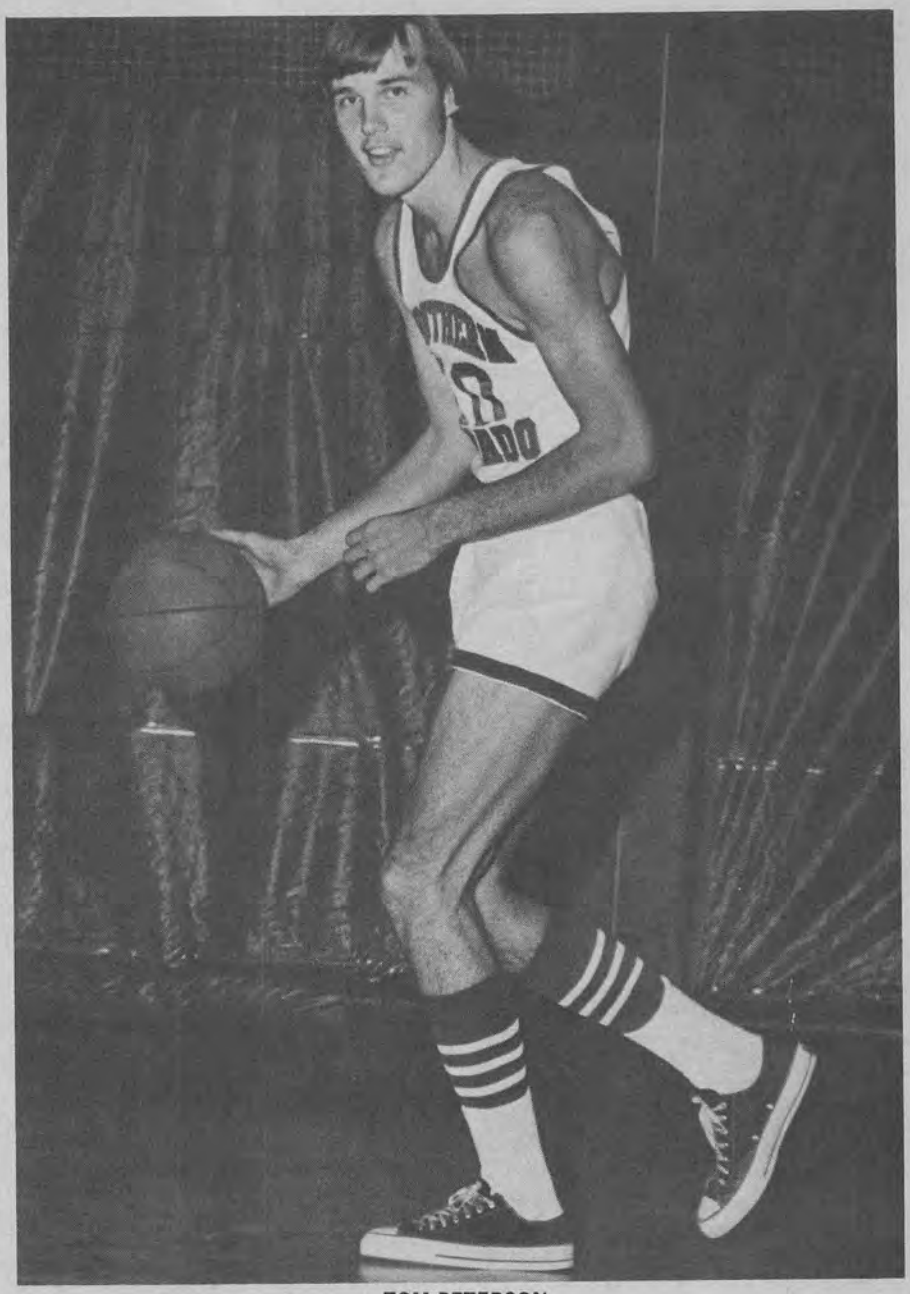
Coach Loren Lutz faces a rebuilding year in 1973-74 after an injury and illness plagued season left the Indians with an 11-14 record. Due to the loss of four starters, the key to Adams State success will be in the rebounding and shooting strength of the junior college recruits. The list of newcomers is headed by 6-6½ forward Nelson Burrell who holds the national junior college single game scoring record of 80 points.

Another Juco recruit, 6-3 Terry Dunn will join the Indians along with freshmen Don Turner and Ivan Gordon.

GREAT FALLS

Carl Tange, 6-10 sophomore, could be the key in the Argos rebuilding program. Great falls has a big front line, with 6-8 Dextern Holloway and 6-8 junior Craig Bonnarens at the forward.

The chief problems is replacing the starting backcourt of Mike Geniess and Reggie Rush. Among the possibilities are 6-3 junior Jim Turley, 6-0 junior Skip Harden, 6-2 senior Kirk Steinseifer and 6-3 junior Marlin Buxton.



TOM PETERSON
So. Colorado

WADE MORTENSEN
Adams State

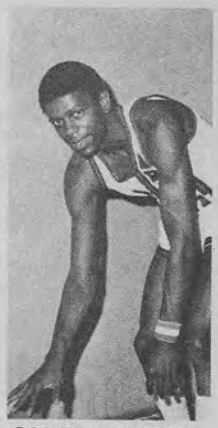
ROY Mc PIPE
E. Montana

MAJOR COLLEGE ALL AMERICANS

BILL WALTON
UCLA

RON LEE
Oregon

ROBERT HAWKINS
Illinois State



CONIEL NORMAN
Arizona State

DAVID THOMPSON
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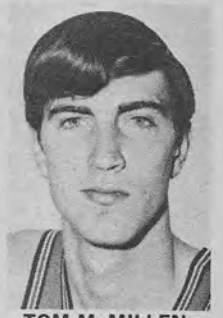
PHIL SMITH
San Francisco

JIMMY BAKER
Nevada



TOM McMILLEN
Maryland

DENNIS DUVAL
Syracuse

MARVIN BARNES
Providence

TOM BURLESON
N. Carolina State

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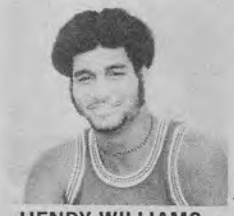

HENRY WILLIAMS
Jacksonville

FORWARDS

DAVID THOMPSON	North Carolina State	6-5	JR.
MARVIN BARNES	Providence	6-8	SR.
BOBBY JONES	North Carolina	6-8	SR.
JOHN SHUMATE	Notre Dame	6-9	Sr.
HENRY WILLIAMS	Jacksonville	6-6	JR.
TOM McMILLEN	Maryland	6-11	SR.
JIMMIE BAKER	Nevada Las-Vegas	6-9	JR.
CONIEL NORMAN	Arizona State	6-5	SOPH.

CENTERS

BILL WALTON	UCLA	6-11	SR.
ROBERT PARRISH	Centenary	7-2	SOPH.
TOM BURLESON	North Carolina State	7-4	SR.
LEN ELMORE	Maryland	6-9	SR.

GUARDS

DENNIS DUVAL	Syracuse	6-2	SR.
TOM HENDERSON	Hawaii	6-2	SR.
QUINN BUCKNER	Indiana	6-3	SOPH.
PAL SMITH	San Francisco	6-4	SR.
KEVIN STACOM	Providence	6-4	SR.
RON LEE	Oregon	6-4	SOPH.
FLY WILLIAMS	Austin-Peay	6-5	SOPH.
BUBBLES HAWKINS	Illinois State	6-3	SOPH.

FAR WEST

PACIFIC EIGHT CONFERENCE

Jeff Hawes (31) was a part-time starter last year. Washington has him slated for more action in 73-74.

KEITH WILKES
UCLA

LARS HANSEN
Washington

DAVE MEYERS
UCLA

RAY PRICE
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Washington

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Oregon State

DAN ANDERSON
USC

RICHARD PLANTE
Oregon State

LARS HANSEN
Washington

UCLA

Why do they even bother to play the college basketball season. Instead of holding the NCAA playoffs, the rights to the national title should be decided in a game between the UCLA starters and the UCLA reserves. It probably would be a matchup of the two top teams in the country.

Coach John Wooden, who has won nine titles in the past 10 seasons—seven in a row—and currently has a 75-game unbeaten streak, may have his best and deepest team yet.

The starting five will consist of 6-6½ senior All-American Keith Wilkes (14.8) and 6-7 junior Dave Meyers (4.9) at the forwards, the incomparable 6-11 senior Bill Walton (20.4 points and 16.9 rebounds) at center, and 5-11 senior Tommy Curtis (6.4) and 6-4 senior Greg Lee at the guards.

On the second unit, it will be 7-0 freshman All-American superstar Richard Washington and either 6-7 freshman Gavin Smith or 6-5 Pete Trgovich (3.1) at the forwards, 7-0 sophomore Ralph Drollinger (24.4 points, 15.9 rebounds with the Jayvees at center and 6-2 sophomore redshirt Andre McCarter and either 5-11 freshman Jim Spillane or 6-6 sophomore Casey Corliss at the guards.

Now that is some overall talent!

Walton, a two time college player of the year, enters his senior season without having lost a single game at UCLA. Last year, the big redhead, who will have more than $2 million waiting for him upon graduation, not only led the Bruins in points and rebounds, but shot 65 per cent from the floor and was top in assists.

"Both our offense and defense will again be built around the extraordinary talents of Walton," Wooden said. "But the return of Wilkes, whose always smooth and occasionally brilliant play often goes unnoticed is another decided asset."

There's no question that the Bruins will win the Pac-8. They may not go unbeaten again—North Carolina State and Oregon are the biggest stumbling blocks—but if Walton's knees hold up, there should be another NCAA trophy in the showcase come next March.

OREGON

If UCLA's unbelievable winning streak ends this season, don't be too surprised if its Oregon which turns the trick. Coach Dick Harter has assembled a great array of talent. The only thing which might be missing is a big, strong player to hold down the middle.

The Ducks have four starters returning from last season, including Ron Lee, who many think was the finest young back court player in the nation. To go with them, Harter has recruited five players, four of whom were prep All-Americans.

Lee is the backbone of the Oregon team. Last year, as a freshman, he led the club in scoring (18.7), assists, minutes played and was second in rebounding (6.6). His top effort came against UCLA when he scored 31 points.

Joining Lee in the back court will be 6-4 junior, Mark Barwig, who hit at a 6-5 norm. As the season progresses, one of Harter's super freshmen, 6-4 Ernie "Million Moves" Kent is certain to be seeing plenty of action. He's an exceptional athlete, who only needs to get his game under control.

At the forward spots, it wouldn't be too surprising if two freshmen wound up as the starters. Steve Manker, a 7-1, 220-pounder is a certainty. The other spot could go to Kent or 6-5 Stu Jackson, another yearling. However, 6-8 junior Bruce Coldren, who hit at a 5.0 norm may have something to say about the job. Kim Swain, a 6-5 senior, Billy Ingram, a 6-4 senior and Ken Stringer, a 6-6 junior—all of whom lettered last season—will be the reserves at forward.

Gerald Willett, a 6-8 junior, who performed

surprisingly well a year ago, returns at center. He averaged 9.0 points and a team leading 8.0 rebounds a game, but fouled out eight times. Backup help will come from 6-10 sophomore Jeff Nelson, up from the JVs, and 6-8 freshman Greg Ballard, who averaged 28 points and 18 rebounds as a prep senior.

The squad will be rounded out by guards 5-10 senior Paul Halupa, 6-1 senior Walt Reynolds, 6-1½ junior Burt Fredrickson and 6-2 freshman Greg Graham.

So look out UCLA. Remember the dates—Feb. 8 at Los Angeles and Feb. 16 at Oregon.

STANFORD

Coach Dallmar's Stanford club won eight of its last 11 and 4 of its last five (the loss was to UCLA) to finish with a 14-11 mark, the first winning campaign since 1967.

The young Cards, often playing with four sophomores and a freshmen now appear ready to offer resistance to UCLA in its quest for another Pac-8 championship. Stanford actually led the Bruins in Los Angeles by seven points at halftime, before faltering.

Likely to start for Stanford are 6-9 senior Mike Mann and 6-6 senior David Frost at the forwards, 7-0 junior Rich Kelley at center and 6-0 junior Mark Gilberg and 6-3½ junior Mel Arterberry at the guards.

Kelley is the key to the Cards' success. Last year, he averaged 17.3 points and 13.2 rebounds. On nine occasions, he recorded more than 20 points in a game. In the rebounding department, his high for the season was 18, but the most notable achievement was out rebounding UCLAs Bill Walton, 15-10.

Mann was second in scoring with 9.0 and 5.6 rebounds, while Frost, Arterberry and Gilberg averaged 8.9, 7.2 and 6.0, respectively.

Backup help will come from 6-11 sophomore Tim Patterson (6.1), 6-6 junior Scott Trobbe (4.0), 6-7 senior Steve Shupe (3.0), 6-1 senior Jim Montague (2.5) and 6-3 junior Archie Dean (1.2). Also rating consideration will be guard 6-4 Mike Simons who sat out last season, and 6-8½ sophomore Ed Schwietzer, who averaged better than 19 points and 15 rebounds per game for the Jayvees last season.

The Cards will tune up for the Pac-8 campaign with one of the toughest non-conference schedules in the country, including appearances in the Kentucky Invitation and the ECAC Holiday Festival Tournaments.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

USC coach Bob Boyd, whose Trojans became the first Pac-8 team to play in the NIT will have his entire team back this season. The Trojans were 18-10 overall and finished second behind national champion UCLA in the conference (9-5).

Leading the list of returnees are Clint Chapman and Dan Anderson, a pair of All-Pac-8 second team selections. Chapman, a 6-8 junior forward, was the Trojans leading scorer (15.2). Anderson, a 6-2 senior guard, hit at a 12.6 norm and led the club in assists.

At the forward spot opposite Chapman will be one of five players, all of whom were used there at one time or another last season. The best bet is 6-7 Bob Boyd, son of the coach. Boyd started the final Trojan game in the NIT and was highly impressive. He'll have to battle 6-10 junior John Lambert (6.6), 6-8 senior Bruce Clark (5.3), 6-8 sophomore Bob Trowbridge (4.1) and 6-4 senior Brian Heublein (3.1).

The center position will be held down by 6-10 senior Mike Westra, with Lambert in reserve. Westra topped the Trojans in field goal shooting (54.8 percent) and rebounding (235), while averaging 8.4 points a game. Westra had problems with his fouling and was disqualified from seven games.

To go with Anderson at guard is 6-1 junior Gus Williams, who showed tremendous potential a year ago. Williams averaged 12.2 points and made the All-Quaker City Tournament team, even though the Trojans were in the consolation bracket.

Filling in as the third guard is 6-2 junior Biff Burrell (3.7) who was named the team's outstanding defensive player. Other help may come from freshmen 6-3 Casey Jones and 6-3 Marv Safford.

"This is an experienced club which, if everyone stays healthy could be a definite factor in the Pac-8 race," said Boyd. "We have as good a potential as several seasons ago when the club lost only two games (both to UCLA)."

WASHINGTON

Washington's basketball team, coming Off an 18-11 season, returns only one full time starter from last season. Yet, coach Marv Harshman thinks this year's team may be stronger and have greater overall depth.

Key to the Huskies's strength will be Ray "The Machine" Price, the returning full-timer. The 6-7 senior forward, was the leading rebounder and second leading scorer on last year's team, averaging 9.1 caroms and 15.6 points per game.

Besides Price, other forward candidates returning are seniors 6-7 Jeff Hawes, a part-time starter the past two campaigns, and 6-5 George Broom, along with 6-5½ junior Curtis Stokes. Hawes averaged 3.5 points a game, Broom 1.5 and Stokes 2.4. Also expected to bolster the forward corps is Larry Pounds, a 6-8 junior college All-American, who averaged 20 points and 12 rebounds at Pasadena (Calif.) City College. Other possibilities are 6-7 sophomore Greg Jack, the leading scorer with the freshmen, and 6-7½ sophomore Al Smith.

In the middle, Harshman will have his choice of two young players. Lars Hansen, a 6-10 sophomore from Canada, hit at a 7.1 norm in a reserve role, and made 50.8 per cent of his field goal attempts. The Huskies are also high on 6-10 freshman James Edwards, who was the prep player-of-the-year in Washington last season. He averaged 20.3 points and 12 rebounds a game.

Graduation hit the Huskies hardest at guard where Pac-8 scoring champion Louis Nelson will have to be replaced. Returning are 6-2 senior Ron Williams (7.7) and 6-2 sophomore 6-3 John McKnight (2.2), who shared the other spot. Clarence Ramsey, Steve Blehn and Chris Parker, all up from the freshman team and newcomer Chester Dorsey, will also battle for playing time.

"Even though this will be a better team, we may have trouble winning as many games as last season," said Harsman. "The strength of the league is the best its ever been and we are going to be young."

OREGON STATE

Despite the loss of its two top scorers, Oregon State conceivably could be better than last season when the Beavers were 15-11 (6-8 in the Pac-8).

Seven lettermen are back, six of whom saw considerable action. In addition, coach Ralph Miller has recruited seven outstanding freshmen, any of them capable of working into a top reserve role.

Gone from last season's squad are 6-6 Sam Whitehad (13.8) and 6-9 Neal Jurgenson (12.3), along with three reserves.

Miller has 6-7 Paul Miller (10.4) returning at the other front court spot. Filling the two remaining spots are the biggest worry.

Steve Ericksen, a 6-11 senior could alleviate many of the worries for Miller if he returns to his sophomore form. Ericksen, who came to State as one of the most heralded players in Oregon prep history, had a disappointing junior campaign, hitting at a 5.8 norm.

Best bets for the other forward job are one of two

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USC's Gus Williams (25) has shown tremendous potential. He has a 12.2 p.p.g., avg.

Stanford senior Dave Frost brings an 8.9 game scoring average to his forward post.

EDGAR JEFFRIES
Washington State

DAN ANDERSON
USC

RAY PRICE
Washington

CARL MEIER
California

FAR WEST

WEST COAST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

DICK SKOPHAMMER
Pepperdine

BOB FLORENCE
Nevada

LUTHER PHILYAW
Loyola

JEFF HENDRICKS
Pepperdine

Outstanding on defense, San Francisco's Eric Fernsten (41) averages nine rebounds.

ERIC FERNSTEN
San Francisco

REMEL DIGGS
Santa Clara

DICK SKOPHAMMER
Pepperdine

JERRY PIRO
Santa Clara

BRAD DEAN
Loyola

JERRY BELLOTTI
Santa Clara

JIMMIE BAKER
Nevada

FRANK OLEYNICK
Seattle

KEVIN RESTANI
San Francisco

ROD DERLINE
Seattle

Lloyd McMillian (12), younger brother of Lakers' star is Loyola returning starter.

SAN FRANCISCO

Not since the days of Bill Russell and K. C. Jones has San Francisco had a club like this year's—one capable of battling for national honors.

A year ago, the Dons were 23-5 and the champions of the West Coast Athletic Confernce and runner-up to UCLA in the regionals. Nine lettermen are back including four of the top six players. Additionally, coach Bob Galliard has come up with three outstanding recruits.

The club will be built around forward 6-9 senior Kevin Restani, and 6-4 guard Phil Smith. Restani, was the unanimous choice as Northern California Player of the Year, averaging 17.6 points and 12.7 rebounds, while hitting .513 per cent of his field goal attempts. Smith, who many say will be the first guard taken in next spring's pro draft, averaged 18.7 points.

There will be a big battle to see who joins Smith in the back court. Returning is John Boro, a 6-0 senior, who was the sixth man last season, averaging 4.5 points. His competition will come from 6-5 sophomore Richard Johnson, the Los Angeles Player of the Year for 1971-72, freshman 6-4 Russ Coleman, 6-2 junior college transfer Tony Styles. Johnson missed most of last season with a broken wrist while Styles averaged 26.3 points for Iowa Community College.

Eric Fernsten, a 6-9 junior, returns at center. He averaged 8.0 points and nine rebounds and was outstanding on defense.

The corner spot opposite Restani, will probably be taken over by 6-7 freshman Jeff Randall, called one of the greatest prospects to ever come out of the Bay Area. He averaged 21.3 points and 18 rebounds a game as a high school senior.

San Francisco has a great team and the means to prove it. On the schedule in non-conference games are UCLA, Maryland, Providence and Long Beach State.

NEVADA-LAS VEGAS

Remember how Jacksonville and Oral Roberts suddenly burst upon the national scene. Well, you ain't seen nothing yet. Presenting Nevada-Las Vegas, challengers for the national championship.

New coach Jerry Tarkanian (Long Beach State) may have found a real gold mine with 12 lettermen returning plus the addition of some super newcomers. The biggest problem might be finding enough playing time to keep everyone happy.

Two of the holdovers certain to start are 6-9 junior Jimmie Baker and 6-4 senior Bobby Florence.

Florence averaged 24.6 points and 9.6 rebounds last season, while Baker, a great pro prospect, averaged 22.3 points and 15.1 rebounds. The two will probably play forward with newcomer 6-10 Lewis Brown, called a "young Willis Reed" moving in at center.

Tarkanian has three returning guards Eddie Taylor (8.8), Pat Bolster (6.3) and Lester Weaver (4.4 points and 6.1 assists). They'll likely be relegated to reserve roles.

The master recruiter could start a rookie back court second to none. It would consist of 6-3 Bob "Jeep" Kelly, and 6-7 Eddie Owens.

"Our goal is the national championship," said Tarkanian, who reportedly is receiving more than $40,000 a year to coach the Rebels.

For backup help up front, Tarkanian can call on prep All-American, 6-6 Jackie Robinson. The other recruits were 6-6 Glenn Gondrezick, 6-7 George Schrader, and juco transfers 6-5 Lawrence Williams and 6-2 Howard Wizenberg.

This should be a tournament club, but whether ti's strong enough to beat San Francisco remains to be seen.

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FAR WEST

PACIFIC COAST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

ROSCOE PONDEXTER
Long Beach State

CHAD MEYER
U. of Pacific

GLENN McDONALD
Long Beach State

JOHN ERRECART
U. of Pacific

Leonard Gray (50) Long Beach State's 230 pound senior center has 7.1 rebound norm.

LONG BEACH STATE

The coach and the star player are gone but it shouldn't make much difference to Long Beach State. There's enough great talent around to insure another Pacific Coast Athletic Association title.

Lute Olson, who built a junior college powerhouse at Long Beach City College, has taken over for Jerry Tarkanian, who moved on to Nevada-Las Vegas. Two time unanimous all-American guard Ed Ratleff, who holds the school career scoring and rebounding records, has graduated.

Last year's "Super Sub," 6-5 Roscoe Pondexter, returns for his junior year and will start at a forward spot. He hit at 14.4 points (second highest on the club), and led the 49ers with a 9.3 rebounding average.

At center, it will be 6-8, 230-pound senior Leonard Gray. His stats a year ago were 13.9 points and 7.1 rebounds.

Newcomers 6-8 Clifton Pondexter, 6-8 Carlos Mina, 6-6 Jeff Garnett and 6-5 Floyd Heaton will battle for the other frontline spot. Young Pondexter was one of the most sought after prep stars in the country last season. Mina come from Imperial Valley J.C. after playing his first year and a half at USC. Garnett attended Bakersfield, J.C. while Heaton was a unanimous first team all-California choice last season at Long Beach C.C.

The point job will be handled by 5-10 Rick Aberegg, who led the 49ers in assists and averaged 6.1 points. Ernie Douse, a 6-5 junior (7.5) and Glenn McDonald, a 6-6 senior (7.3 points and 5.3 rebounds) will once again share the remaining spot.

Adding depth at guard will be Dave Leslie, a 6-2 JC transfer and 6-4 John Kazmer, a returning letterman. Dale Dillon, a 6-4 frosh, could also figure in the plans.

CAL STATE—SANTA BARBARA

If any team is capable of ending Long Beach State's five year reign as champions of the Pacific Coast Athletic Association, then Cal State-Santa Barbara appears to have the best chance.

The Gauchos were 17-9 a year ago and finished second in the PCAA with an 8-4 mark. With nine lettermen back, plus the addition of several highly touted newcomers, coach Ralph Barkey is talking about a championship.

Heading the returnees is 6-5 senior forward Clarence Allen, the Gauchos' leading scorer with a 13.7 averaged and a first team All-PCAA selection. Also back are guards Perry Ludy and Jay Hanseth and center-forward Pay Boywer, all of whom are starters.

Hanseth, a 6-2 senior moved into the lineup after Ludy, the second leading scorer with 11.6 points a game was injured. Boyer, a 6-7 senior averaged 10.2 points and a team high of 8.6 rebounds.

Other returning lettermen are 6-6 junior Kirt Anderson (1.5), 6-0 junior Steve Becker (2.9), 6.1 junior Floyd Cawthorn (2.1), 6-4 senior Jerrry Lee (2.8) and 6-5½ junior Darrelle Lyons (2.0).

The Gauchos will be further strengthened by the addition of redshirts 6-4 Hank Babcok and 6-1 Bobby Turner, junior college transfers 6-5 Greg Bell and 6-9½ Dennis Marschall and freshmen 6-7 Dave Brown and 6-7 Tex Walker.

"I am very optimistic," said Barkey. Certainly from the standpoint of the experienced people returning and the quality of the new players who will be joining our varsity, we figure to be a real good club. Last year we lacked depth, experience and height. This time we have all three."

PACIFIC

Pacific's basketball fortunes should be brighter this season after a year beset by injuries, which resulted in a 14-12 record for rookie coach Stan Morrison.

There is a nucleus of seven lettermen, including three who started. The Tigers have installed a new 1-3-1 offense and should be a strong shooting team with improved quickness.

Leading the list of returnees is 6-2 senior guard John Errecart, who averaged 14.7 points and handed out 129 assists last season. Chad Meyer, a

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FAR WEST

FAR WEST SMALLER SCHOOLS

RICHARD ROSS
Cal. St. Bakersfield

OREGON TECH

The return of four starters, three of whom shot 50 per cent last season, brings the hope that Oregon Tech can improve on its 14-12 record for the 1972-73 season.

Expected to start are returning seniors Dave Carrigan (13.1 points and 5.6 rebounds), Elvin Brock (9.5 points and 10.6 rebounds) and Gene Collins (12.1 points and 5.0 rebounds) as well as junior Dave Hummel (5.0) and 6-5 soph Steve Pettit.

Top Frosh prospects include Chuck Bartlett, Lafayette McCoy and Don Bergen.

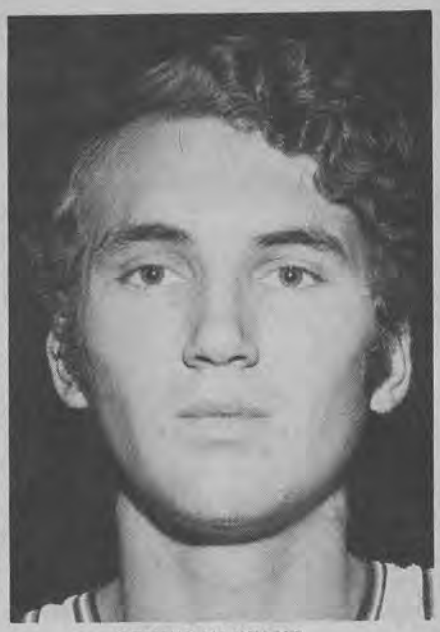
CENTRAL WASHINGTON STATE

Coach Dean Nicholson will be trying to work a blend with returning letterman Dave McDow (5.8) and three junior college transfers in an attempt to match last seasons' 20-9 record. Three transfers, Mike Mann, Ned Delmore, Mark Price are likely to start along with 6-6 freshman Les Wyatt, an All-Stater from Ellensburg H.S.

AZUSA PACIFIC

In spite of the loss of three starters, Azusa coach Cliff Hamlow is optimistic about the 1973-'74 season. The two returning starters are Roger Cahoon and Dennis Vanzant. With a nucleus of tall men around which to build, Coach Hamlow has lined up a number of JC transfers and freshmen whom, he feels, should provide a solid ball club for the coming season.

Juco transfers include Steward Campbell, Mike Leatherby and Jim Scott. Top frosh recruits are Mike Berry (6-6), Steve Gustin (6-7), Bruce Breeden, Greg Capla, Wes Quinn and Kim Redington.



DENNIS VANZANT
Azusa Pacific

SEATTLE PACIFIC

The returning of seven lettermen led by 6-8 senior center Doug Love (10.5) and high scoring guard Dave Hunter (11.8) provides the Falcons with hope of matching their 1972-73 record of 16-9 and possible NCAA post season play.

Probable starters along with Love and Hunter are two-time lettermen Jeff Stone (7.0) and Carey Weedman (6.7). Al Peeler and Mark Stream round out a top lineup.

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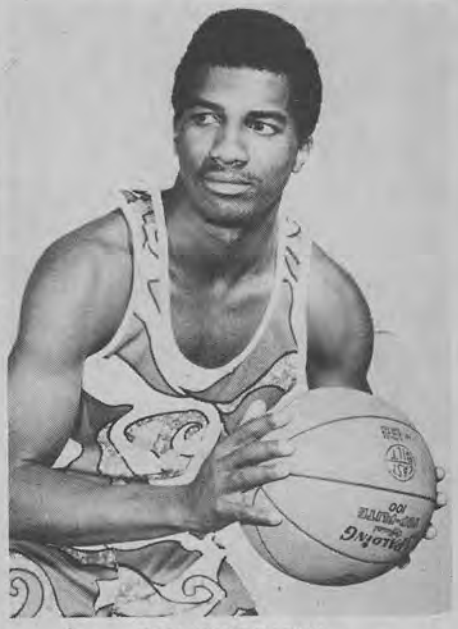
FAR WEST

FAR WEST INDEPENDENTS

MELTON WERTS
Hawaii

Duo of Melton Werts (33) and Tom Henderson (14) give Hawaii U. Stellar defense.



TOM HENDERSON
Hawaii

HAWAII

Bruce O'Neil moves into his first year as coach at Hawaii with 10 lettermen, two redshirts, a junior college transfer and several outstanding freshmen available around as a nucleus of a squad which will seek to improve on a 15-11 mark.

The strong point of the club is the back court, which can match up against any in the nation. It is led by 6-3 senior Tom Henderson, an All-American, member of the 1972 U.S. Olympic team and certain first round pro basketball draft pick. Henderson averaged 19.8 points and handed off six assists a game last season. He excells in all phases of the game and is especially tough on defense.

Merv Vitatoe, a 6-3 senior (9.4) figures to be the other back court starter with 6-2 senior Artie Wilson (7.2) and highly touted freshman 6-1 Wayne Crowe (27.0) in reserve.

In 6-9 sophomore Melton Werts, the Rainbows one of the finest young centers around. A year ago, Werts averaged 13 points and 11.5 rebounds, while hitting .513 per cent of his field goal attempts. At one forward spot will be 6-8 senior Rod Aldridge, who averaged 10.5 points and 6.4 rebounds. What happens involving the other spot may determine just how successful Hawaii will be.

The Rainbows recruited Steve Sheppard, a 6-5 prep All-American from New York City and if he can get eligible, there's no question that he'll start. If the "Bear" doesn't make it, then the job will go to either holdover 6-7 senior Skip Williams (4.3) or junior college transfer 6-7 Darryl Davis (20 points and 18 rebounds).

Other lettermen include 6-4 junior forward Bill

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TOP 100 FRESHMEN

ERNIE GRUNFELD	Forest Hills, N.Y.	TENNESSEE
WAYNE SMALLS	Camden, N.J.	FLORIDA STATE
JOE HASSETT	Providence, R.I.	PROVIDENCE
BOB "JEEP" KELLEY	Pittsburgh, Penna.	NEVADA-LAS VEGAS
RAY MARTIN	Astoria, N.Y.	NOTRE DAME
MARV SAFFORD	Worcester, Mass.	USC
PAUL BERWANGER	Cornwall, N.Y.	BOSTON COLLEGE
BILL PATERNO	Lincroft, N.J.	NOTRE DAME
ULICE PAYNE	Rhingold, Penna.	OHIO U.
WILBUR ROSS	Newark, N.J.	DETROIT
HERMAN HARRIS	Chester, Penna.	ARIZONA
JIM WILLIAMS	Buffalo, N.Y.	CANISIUS
STEVE SHEPPARD	Bronx, N.Y.	HAWAII
OWEN MAHORN	Hartford, Conn.	FAIRFIELD
JIM BOYLAN	Jersey City, N.J.	ASSUMPTION
RICH LAUREL	Philadelphia, Pa.	HOFSTRA
WES RAMSEUR	New York, N.Y.	TEMPLE
MARK LONETTO	Pennsauken, N.J.	PENNSYLVANIA
CHUBBY COX	Philadelphia, Pa.	VILLANOVA
ADRIAN DANTLEY	Hyattsville, Md.	NOTRE DAME
LARRY WRIGHT	Washington, D.C.	GRAMBLING
LARRY HERRON	Washington, D.C.	VILLANOVA
WESLEY COX	Louisville, Ky.	LOUISVILLE
DEXTER REED	Little Rock, Ark.	MEMPHIS STATE
JEFF CROMPTON	Burlington, N.C.	NORTH CAROLINA
WALTER DAVIS	Charlotte, N.C.	NORTH CAROLINA
JIM SMITH	Lake Worth, Fla.	NORTH CAROLINA
JOHN KUESTER	Richmond, Va.	NORTH CAROLINA
BRUCE BUCKLEY	Bladensburg, Va.	NORTH CAROLINA
DAVID MOSS	Ringgold, Ga.	TENNESSEE
WAYNE ROLLINS	Cordele, Ga.	CLEMSON
T.R. DUNN	Birmingham, Ala.	ALABAMA
ANTHONY ROBERTS	Chattanooga, Tenn.	ORAL ROBERTS
ERNIE WHITUS	Louisville, Ky.	KENTUCKY
WILSON WASHINGTON	Norfolk, Va.	MARYLAND
SKIP BROWN	Kingsport, Tenn.	WAKE FOREST
EDDIE OWENS	Houston, Tex.	NEVADA-LAS VEGAS
WALTER ACTWOOD	Greenville, Miss.	MISSISSIPPI
DAVE RIVAS	Washington, D.C.	MARSHALL
HUEY SMITH	Houston, Tex.	DRAKE
BILL LANGLOH	Hyattsville, Md.	VIRGINIA
SPENCE YOUNG	Lewisburg, Tenn.	VANDERBILT
WAYNE COSBY	Louisville, Ky.	LOUISVILLE
JOEY HOLLAND	Charleston, W. Va.	KENTUCKY
BOB MAYHALL	Middlesboro, Ky.	KENTUCKY
NATE DAVIS	Columbia, S.C.	SOUTH CAROLINA
FRANK LeFEVRE	Clearwater, Fla.	LSU
PETE FUSI	Atlanta, Ga.	GEORGIA
JOHN RUDD	DeRiddeer, La.	LSU
MAURICE "BO" ELLIS	Chicago, Ill.	MARQUETTE
TOM LaGARDE	Detroit, Mich.	NORTH CAROLINA
ERNIE KENT	Rockford, Ill.	OREGON
BOB SIEGEL	Fairbury, Neb.	NEBRASKA
KENT BENSON	New Castle, Ind.	INDIANA
JIM WEBB	South Bend, Ind.	CINCINNATI
STEVE PUIDOKAS	Oak Lawn, Ill.	WASHINGTON STATE
JEFF WILKINS	Elgin, Ill.	ILLINOIS STATE
DONNIE VON MOORE	Chicago, Ill.	KANSAS
NORMAN COOK	Lincoln, Ill.	KANSAS
LEARTHA SCOTT	Chicago, Ill.	ST. LOUIS
BOB ELLIOT	Ann Arbor, Mich.	ARIZONA
JOHNNIE DAVIS	Detroit, Mich.	DAYTON
BRUCE BRIMM	Plymouth, Ind.	FURMAN
MIKE BURMA	Willard, Ohio	NORTH CAROLINA ST.
REUBEN SHELTON	St. Louis, Mo.	KANSAS
BOB EMERY	Lyndon, Kan.	KANSAS
DARRYL WINSTON	Lovejoy, Ill.	KANSAS STATE
STEVE BURGASON	Ames, Iowa	IOWA STATE
ALEX MAZEIKA	Clinton, Iowa	IOWA STATE
STEVE MANKER	W. Des Moines, Iowa	OREGON
PETE BREY	Rapids, Wis.	WISCONSIN
ARCHIE MAYS	Dayton, Ohio	IOWA
EDGAR WILSON	Dowagiac, Mich.	MICHIGAN STATE
MARK LANDSBERGER	St. Paul, Minn.	RICE
BRIAN WILLIAMS	Columbus, Ohio	CINCINNATI
BILL LAKE	Carmel, Ind.	NORTH CAROLINA ST.
MARK ENRIGHT	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	NEBRASKA
ARCHIE ALDRIDGE	Middletown, Ohio	FLORIDA STATE
MARSHALL HILL	Chicago, Ill.	ST. LOUIS
MATT HICKS	Aurora, Ill.	DE PAUL
JEFF JONAS	Milwaukee, Wis.	UTAH
CLIFTON PONDEXTER	Fresno, Calif.	LONG BEACH STATE
MELVIN BAKER	Gallup, N.M.	OKLAHOMA
RICHARD WASHINGTON	Portland, Ore.	UCLA
JIM SPILLANE	Palos Verdes, Calif.	UCLA
WILBERT OLINDE	LaMesa, Calif.	UCLA
GAVIN SMITH	Van Nuys, Calif.	UCLA
MARQUES JOHNSON	Los Angeles, Calif.	UCLA
STEVE CANTOR	Beverly Hills, Calif.	UTAH
JACKIE ROBINSON	Inglewood, Calif.	NEVADA-LAS VEGAS
LEWIS BROWN	Los Angeles, Calif.	NEVADA-LAS VEGAS
JEFF RANDALL	Oakland, Calif.	SAN FRANCISCO
MARTY GIOVACCHINI	Salt Lake City, Utah	WASHINGTON STATE
JAMES EDWARDS	Seattle, Wash.	WASHINGTON
CASEY JONES	Corona del Mar, Cal.	USC
RUSS COLEMAN	Stockton, Calif.	SAN FRANCISCO
DON MULNIX	North Glenn, Col.	WAKE FOREST
RICKEY LEE	Portland, Ore.	OREGON STATE
RICKEY WALKER	Los Angeles, Cal.	CAL. STATE-SANTA BARBARA
MIKE PATTERSON	Denver, Col.	USC

IVY LEAGUE

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"We need help from the sophomores, particularly at guard," says Carril. "Some of the young players are going to have to step right in and do the job."

One sophomore who is certain to start in 6-4 guard Armand Hill, probably the most ballyhooed player to enter Princeton since Bill Bradley. Hill, was a prep All-American and also spent a year in prep school before enrolling at Princeton.

The other back court spot will go to either 6-2 Brien O'Neill (5.2), 6-3 junior Tim van Blommesteyn (4.8) or 6-2 sophomore Mickey Steurer.

Andy Rimol, a 6-9 senior, gives the Tigers strength at center. Rimol averaged 11.3 points and nearly 10 rebounds a game last season, but had problems staying out of foul trouble.

Two lettermen, 6-5 senior John Berger (5.6) and 6-5 senior Joe Vavricka (10.5) will battle sophomores 6-5 Bob Slaughter and 6-7 Barnes Hauptfuhrer for the starting forward spots.

YALE

For the first time in seven years, Yale will have a senior-dominated team. A solid group of veterans, led by Mike Baskuskas and Tim Kearns, aided by some sophomores up from a 20-1 freshman squad gives coach Joe Vancisin hopes of posting a winning record for the first time since 1967.

All 10 letterman are back from a team which was 9-16 overall and 6-8 in the Ivy League.

Baskauskas and Kearns, both 6-4, started every game last season and were second team all Ivy League selections. Kearns—a guard—averaged 17.1 points while Baskauskas hit at a 14.3 norm and was the team's leading rebounder.

The freshmen lost only to Dartmouth and averaged 84 points a game. The newcomers who are expected to contribute most are 6-7 Rollin Chippey, 6-5 Mark Wood along with six-foot guards Jim McGuire and Robin Michel.

Scott Ferguson, a 6-9 senior, who averaged 9.2 points a game, will hold down the center spot and will be backed up by 6-7 senior Gary Rinck (6.4).

Other lettermen returning are 6-7 junior Jim Cartmell (4.8), 6-1 Gary Franks (9.1), 6-5 Jeff Ritter (3.0), 6-6 Jere Shafir (4.8) and 6-4 Leroy Watkins (3.8). The remaining sophomore standouts are 6-2 Bruce McKenna (13.6), 6-3 Gary Newman (12.9) and 6-4 Steve Switchenko (16.2).

Vanciscin, who is starting his 18th season at Yale, will win No. 200 this year. He's currently 195-206.

DARTMOUTH

Lack of front court rebounding and scoring strength hurt Dartmouth last season, but this time around, the Big Green should be improved up front. The sophomore class features a solid group of forward and the club's performance in 1973-74 will depend in good part on the newcomers.

Nine lettermen are back from the 6-20 club, but only two, 6-0 senior guard Bill Raynor (14.6) and 6-7 senior forward Tom Eggleston (7.2) saw considerable action.

Almost certain to move into the center job is 6-8 sophomore Mark Donoghue, who averaged 15.6 points and better than 10 rebounds a game for the freshman. The other starting forward spot will be taken over by talented 6-5 sophomore Adam Sutton, who hit at a 21.3 norm with the freshmen.

Reserve help up front will come from 6-4 junior Gene Matthews (3.4), 6-5 junior Alex Kandabarow (1.7) and 6-7 Steve Furber (0.7)—all letter men—and sophomores 6-5 Bill Healey, 6-5 Jim Beattie and 6-7 Henry Shanks.

Dan McKay, a 6-0 junior guard, who started the latter half of last season (1.9), faces a fight for his job from 5-10 sophomore Donnie Lambert, a 11.3 scorer with the freshmen.

Other guards include 6-2 junior Bob Calcaterra (3.9), 6-2 Rick Jones (2.2) and 6-0 sophomore Dennis McCann.

HARVARD

Tom "Snatch" Sanders, of the Boston Celtics, takes over at Harvard and faces a monumental rebuilding job. Harvard, which has been a disappointment over the past couple of seasons, lost seven players through graduation, including standouts James Brown and Floyd Lewis.

The Crimson have four returning lettermen, all of whom figure to start. Tony Jenkins, a 6-8 senior, will be the center, with 6-7 junior Lou Silver at one forward and 6-2 senior Ken Wolfe and 6-1 senior Jim Fitzsimmons in the backcourt.

Jenkins led Harvard in scoring a year ago (16.9) and was second in rebounding. He was a second team All-Ivy selection. Silver saw plenty of action as the fourth forward, hitting at a 4.7 norm.

Fitzsimmons, the holder of Harvard's single season scoring record of 629 points (as a sophomore) averaged 12.9 points per game last year. He'll be eligible only for the second semester when the bulk of the Ivy League games are played.

Until Fitzsimmons becomes eligible, Sanders can use either 6-0 junior Mike Griffin, 6-2 junior Arnie Needleman or sophomores 6-5 Bill Carey or 6-4 Kevin McLaughlin.

Carey and McLaughlin can also play forward and either might get the open spot. Other possibilities are 6-8 junior Jeff Wheat and 6-5 Len Adams.

One thing in Sanders' favor is the fact that the alumni are expecting great things as was the case over the past couple of seasons. And you can be sure the Crimson will be competitive.

CORNELL

Cornell figures to be improved over last season when it finished 4-22 overall and 1-13 in the Ivy League.

It was a very difficult year for rookie coach Tony Como, saw seven players defect from the squad, during the course of the season.

The reason for some optimism are six sophomores, all of whom could see plenty of playing time this year. They'll join the four holdovers, giving Como some reserve strength, at least, and that's more than he had a year ago.

Of the six newcomers, five scored in double figures for the frosh team which had an 11-5 mark, averaging 82.1 points a game. The leading scorer was 6-5 Tom Williams who hit at a 16.4 norm. Others include 6-3 Dwight Kiel (14.6), 6-1 Abby Lucas (13.9), 6-6½ Bill Johnson (12.1), 6-6½ Nate Kerner (11.3) and 6-6 Brian Hather (8.1).

They'll join 6-7 senior Lynn Loncki (12.2)—the team's leading scorer a year ago, playing all 26 games and the top shooter from the floor (47.5%), 6-3 junior Max Jones (9.0), 6-5 junior Randy Evans (8.0), and 6-2 junior Marvin Jackson (5.6).

Como figures the newcomers will have some offensive spark. Last year, the Big Red averaged only 68.5 points a game, giving up 81.8 in the process.

COLUMBIA

In just a few short years, the once mighty Columbia Lions have gone from an Ivy League powerhouse to one of the poorest teams in the conference.

The Lions will be hard pressed to duplicate last season's mark of 7-18. There are few returning players and the sophomores were members of a freshman team compiled an unbelievable mark of 3-14. And to make matters worse, the Lions face the toughest schedule in their history.

There will be experience at the guard spots, and very little, if any in the starting front line.

Led by captain John Byrnes, a 5-9 senior, who averaged 6.2 points a game last year, there will be some stabilization in the back court. Most likely to start with Brynes is 6-0 senior Brian McAuliffe (4.2).

The center spot will probably be handled by 6-6 junior Bob Casey, who scored only 54 points in limited action a year ago.

Darryl Downing, a 6-2½ senior, is the only returnee at guard. Last year he averaged 10.6 points a game after getting a team high 302 points as a sophomore.

Other returning lettermen include guards Larry DiGiacomo, Mark Hardaway and Flip Shapiro.

Best of the sophomores appears to be Jerry Boone, a slim 6-6 forward, who will probably getting a starting spot up front opposite Downing.

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with a 24.7 average while hitting 56.9 per cent of his field goal attempts. He's coming off knee surgery but appears to be fully recovered.

"David is a complete ballplayer," says Sloan. "If things work out right, there's no reason why he couldn't be college player of the year. He's just super."

Burleson is also approaching superstar status. Last year, he average 17.9 points and 12.0 rebounds, the latter tops in the ACC, and was the MVP in the post season tournament.

The third returning starter is 5-7 junior Monty Towe, who led the Wolfpack in assists while averaging 10 points a game. Towe does the ball handling and sets up the State offense—and very well.

His back court mate figures to be either 6-3 Mark Moeller (4.7) or 6-1 junior college transfer Morris Rivers (16.1). The open forward job will go to either 6-7 Tim Stoddard (7.9) or 6-8 senior Steve Nuce (4.4). Another possibility is 6-8 sophomore transfer Phil Spence, who averaged 19.2 points and 15 rebounds a game for Juco powerhouse Vincennes (Ind.).

Other lettermen back are Greg Hawkins (5.6), Craig Kuszmaul (2.4), and Steve Smoral.

Best of the incoming frosh are 6-11 Bill Lake, 6-10 Mike Buurma and 6-2 Bruce Dayhuff.

MARYLAND

Lefty Driesell has to be given a lot of credit for fulfilling many of the promises he made upon taking over the head coaching job at Maryland more than four years ago. He promised a winner and that the Terps have been. Two years ago, they won the NIT and last year, with an assist from the NCCA—putting North Carolina State on probation—reached the Eastern Regional finals.

Chances are the Terrapins will be back in the NIT again this season. There seems little likelihood of finishing ahead of ACC powers, N.C. State and North Carolina. And this despite the presence of three bonafide All-America candidates—Tom McMillen, Len Elmore and John Lucas. It shows the tremendous strength of the conference.

McMillen, a 6-10 senior, averaged 21.2 points and 9.8 rebounds last season, hitting 58.5 per cent of his field goal attempts. The All-American forward will become the school's all time leading scorer early into the campaign. Elmore, a 6-9 senior center, averaged 10 points, 11.2 rebounds and six blocked shots, despite being hampered by an assortment of nagging injuries. Lucas, a 6-4 sophomore, emerged as one of the premier point guards in the nation—as a freshman—hitting at a 14.2 norm while handing out a club high of 178 assists.

To replace his two graduated starters—Jim O'Brien and Bob Bodell, Driesell will choose from four lettermen. Up front, 6-8 Owen Brown (4.1) and 6-9 Tom Roy (4.4) are the leading candidates while 6-3 Maurice Howard (2.8) and 6-4 Jap Trimble, out last season because of a knee injury will battle it out for a starting wing spot.

One of the biggest surprises was the inability of Driesell to come up with any quality freshmen. The loss of George Raveling (two years ago) and most recently Jim Maloney account for a poor recruiting season. Thus, Lefty better do it this season. Otherwise, the Terps may have attained their pinnacle and be headed downward in the ACC.

VIRGINIA

Despite the loss of All-American guard Barry Parkhill, Virginia, which has developed into an ACC basketball power over the past couple of seasons, will be an improved team and a definite factor in the struggle for league supremacy.

The Cavaliers return three starters plus five other lettermen. And four incoming freshmen figure heavily in coach Bill Gibson's immediate plans.

Gus Gerard, a 6-7 junior, will move back to his normal forward spot this season where he will team with the multi-talented 6-7 sophomore Wally "Wonder" Walker. Gerard averaged 14.8 points and 8.2 rebounds a year ago, while Walker hit for 13.7 points and made 56.2 per cent of his shots from the floor.

Gibson is hoping that 6-9 freshman Ray Morningstar can step right in at center and if not, that two year letterman, 6-10 senior Lanny Stahurski (1.2) fills the bill. This will allow Gerard to move to forward where hs is most effective.

The Cavalier guard spot, even with the loss of Parkhill, can still be considered a strong suit. Al Drummond (6.3) returns and is a proven ball handler and good outside shooter. Junior letterman, 6-3 Andy Boninti, has been groomed by Gibson to take over Parkhill's spot, but don't be surprised if freshman Bill Langloh wins the job. Two year letterman Steve Morris furnishes additional backup strength.

Two other incoming freshmen, 6-8 Ed Shetlick and 6-4 Mark Newlen, could develop into prominence during the season, while two non lettering guards Brian Tully and Bob Sefcik round out the squad.

Virginia was somewhat of a disappointment last season, finishing with a 13-12 mark and only a 4-8 record in the ACC. Many coaches attribute a lot of the Cavaliers' problems last year to a poor performance by Parkhill and the reluctance of the other good talent on the club to take over. Now Parkhill is gone and the club will have to rely on more team play.

DUKE

With eight of last year's top 10 players back, Duke coach Bucky Waters is optimistic about the 1973-74 season. And for his sake, he'd better hope that the Blue Devils exceed his fondest expectations.

Waters has been on the hot seat at Duke for the past couple of seasons and last year's 12-14 mark had the alums up in arms. Another season like that and the Blue Devils will be in serious trouble.

Three starters return, headed by 6-10 forward Chris Redding, who averaged 16.9 points and 6.5 rebounds, while hitting 53.4 per cent of his field goal attempts. Last year's top rebounder, 6-8 junior Bob Fleischer (11 points and 8.5 rebounds) is back to bolster the front line. The third spot up front will probably go to 6-9 Willie Hodge, who averaged 5.3 points a game as a freshman.

Kevin Billerman, who averaged 8.2 points will take over the quarterbacking duties, now that All-ACC back court star Gary Melchionni has graduated. He'll most likely be joined by 6-2 sophomore and former prep All-American David O'Connell (2.7).

For backup help, there's 5-11 senior Jeff Burdett (0.8), 6-5 junior swingman Bill Suk (3.8), 6-4 forward Pete Kramer (5.7) and sophomores 6-2 Paul Fox, 6-6 Bob Cook and 6-9 Terry Chili.

Freshman recruits 6-8 Mark Crow, 6-2 Edgar Burch, 6-2 Randy Abernathy and 6-2 Tate Armstrong will also get long looks.

It will be essential for the Blue Devils to get off to a good start, which is quite possible. The December schedule is not that difficult and a lot of wins could give the club some momentum going into the difficult ACC season.

CLEMSON

Each season since Tates Locke took over at Clemson the Tigers have improved on their previous record. Last year, the mark was 12-14 and now there's talk that the .500 mark might be surpassed.

Locke will have some rebuilding to do mainly because three starters have graduated. However, the first, second and fifth leading scorers are back and there's a freshman who has the potential to turn it completely around.

Van Gregg, a 6-2 junior, led the Tigers with a 13.6 average and went over the 20 point mark on seven occasions. He'll most likely be joined in the back court by 6-0 senior Terrell Suit, who hit for 7.1 points a game.

The center is expected to be 7-1 freshman Wayne Rollins. Clemson won the recruiting battle over 250 other schools and it was university president, Dr. Robert Edwards who played the pivotal role in securing Rollins. Rollins averaged 27.5 points and nearly 20 rebounds a game as a high school senior and may be the best player to ever matriculate at Clemson.

One of the forward spots is set with 6-6 senior Jeff Reisinger, who averaged 11.7 points a game. Locke may turn to one of the freshman recruits—6-8 Dave Brown or 6-6 Andy Butchko, or varsity holdovers 6-8 Marty Patterson, of 6-9 Scott Conant for the replacement. Wayne Croft, a 6-9 junior, will back up Rollins in the middle.

Bruce Harman, who led the JVs with a 20.2 average, Jo Jo Bethea, a 6-1 junior college transfer and freshman 6-2 John Franken, 6-3 Don Boop will be the reserves in the back court.

Locke's club will stress hard nosed defense and should be in most of the games they play. Rollins has the potential to be a superstar and if he can hold his own against the other great centers in the ACC, Clemson might reach the .500 mark.

WAKE FOREST

The major surprise in the ACC last season was the play of Wake Forest under its first year coach Carl Tacy. The Demon Deacons finished with a 12-15 mark and reached the semi-finals of the post season tournament, upsetting nationally ranked North Carolina in the opening round.

Six lettermen are back, including three starters and Tacy had what he feels was an excellent recruiting year.

One of the strongest spots for the Deacons is guard where All-Conference Tony Byers returns along with lettermen Phil Perry and Bobby Dwyer. Byers, a 6-2 senior, led the team in scoring with a 21.7 average and is considered one of the finest shooters in the country. Perry, a 6-3 junior averaged 3.7, while Dwyer, a 6-1 senior hit for 2.4 a game.

Both will probably wind up as reserves again. Wake Forest recruited Skip Brown, a 6-0 ball handling wizard, who was the MVP in the Tennessee state tournament.

Two other starters return in forwards 6-6 Lee Foye and 6-6 Mike Parrish. Foye, who landed a starting spot as a freshman, scored at a 6.6 average and ranked second in rebounds (7.1). Parrish was the team's leading rebounder (7.5) in addition to scoring at a 9.6 clip. The sixth returning letterman is center Tim State, a 6-8 junior who averaged 1.1 points a game while seeing limited action.

The Deacons' major problem will be finding a player to hold downt the middle. Tacy recruited a couple of Juco players and they'll be given a shot to fill the spot. They are 6-8 Cal Stam and 6-7 Haley Hall. Don Mulnix, a 6-8 freshman should see lots of action at anyone of the front court spots.

It's doubtful that the Deacons can reach the heights attained last season. A .500 record would be a remarkable achievement.

SOUTHLAND CONFERENCE

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Ray, a 6-3 junior, led the team in scoring last season with a 19.6 average, while the 6-11 Lawrence, who is only a sophomore, popped in 16.6 points, grabbed 12.4 rebounds and was outstanding on defense.

Other lettermen back are 6-1 senior back court starter Curtis St. Mary (13 points and seven rebounds), 6-0 junior guard Bertel Reder (8.9) and 6-5 senior David Wallace (8.1), plus 6-0 sophomore Jeff Schweitzer, 6-3 sophomore Gary Thibodeaux and 6-6 senior Robbie Armistead.

Wallace will be counted on to fill the void left in the starting lineup by the departure of Gene Bodden, who averaged 13 points and 11.5 rebounds.

"I think we should be the favorites for the league title," says Reigel, who has posted a 32-19 mark in his two previous seasons. "We have plenty of offensive firepower and Lawrence is the great intimidator in the middle. I think that we'll be able to count on 40-50 points a game from Ray and Lawrence combined. If the other guys just pull their load, we'll be in very good shape."

McNeese will also benefit from the fact that the remainder of the conference is down with the exception of Southwestern Louisiana which will probably be on probation.

ARKANSAS STATE

Arkansas State hopes to bounce back from last year's disappointing 7-17 record and from the standpoint of personnel, the chances look good. The Indians return five starters, if Steve Brooks, an All-Southland Conference performer who missed last season, is counted.

Brooks, out with a broken wrist, was just about to blossom when he was injured three days before the season opened. The 6-9, 220-pound center averaged 16.9 points and 9.4 rebounds as a junior.

The four starters from last season are guards 6-2 junior J.H. Williams (11.8) and 6-2 junior Don Scaife (21.3). Scaife, the leading scorer, also averaged 6.2 rebounds, while Williams was tops in assists.

Forwards, 6-5 senior Schuler Rowland (12.5)

and 6-10 senior Lonnie Webber (8.7) also return. Lack of depth, which plagued the Indians after injuries last season, hopefully will not be a problem this time around.

Coach John Rose has signed two junior college players 6-7 Stan Jemerson and 6-5 Hollis Owens. Another plus developed when Charles Tipton, a 6-7 forward, transferred from Mississippi State.

Four others are back from last season—6-8 junior forward Jay Harbison (5.4), 6-7 sophomore center Richard Dickhaut (3.3), 5-9 sophomore guard Gary Adams (1.7) and 6-4 sophomore guard David Bettis (2.0) before breaking a leg in the fourth game.

In addition Arkansas State signed eight freshmen. The entire group of players should give the Indians the kind of talent which could battle for the Southland Conference title.

LOUISIANA TECH

Louisiana Tech's basketball program faces a rebuilding period now that superstar Mike Green has graduated. Named college division "Player of the Year" by the Associated Press, Green takes with him a 30.9 point scoring average, not to mention 15.7 rebounds.

Barney Banks, a 6-4 junior guard, is Tech's lone double figure scorer (11.6) returning from last year's 18-8 club. He is also the only starter, although 5-11 guard Bobby Wyatt was a part time regular near the end of the season, averaging 6.9.

Much of Tech's hopes revolve around an excellent crop of newcomers, headed by 6-7 freshman Lanky Wells, named Arkansas top prep player in 1973, and 6-5 guard Al Forney, a transfer from Compton (Calif.) Junior College, where he was named the conference's Most Valuable Player.

A couple of other in-coming freshmen are also good bets for eventual stardom. They are 6-7 forward Elliot Lawerence and 6-2 Mike McConathy. Also, 6-6 sophomore forward James Collins should have a good shot at a starting role after averaging 25.6 points per game for the freshman team last year.

"We are going to go with the young players and hope for the best," said Louisiana Tech coach Scotty Robertson. "There's no possible way to replace Green. The newcomers will just have to develop. Nobody had better overlook us though, because there's plenty of talent here."

Not enough to come close to winning the Southland Conference, however.

TEXAS-ARLINGTON

Only two starters return from an 11-15 Texas at Arlington team and the key will lie with transfers and a very good freshman crop.

Most pressing problem is replacing All-Southland Conference standout Larry Moore, who averaged 19.9 points and 11.4 rebounds, both teams highs. The leading candidates for the job are 6-10 Van Patterson a transfer from Nevada-Reno and 6-8 freshman Robert Jammar, who played his prep ball at Wheatley H.S. in Houston. Jammar's club had 10 major college prospects and averaged 112 points a game.

Two of his teammates, 5-10 Willie Davis and 6-7 Michael Long, will make spirited bids for starting guard and forward jobs, respectively.

Davis will have to battle 6-1 junior college transfer Freeman Sparks for a spot in the back court along with 6-0 senior returnee Ronnie Marsh, who was the UTA's second leading scorer (17.5). Another possibility, at least for reserve duty, is Marcellus Abney, a 6-2 freshman.

Two year letterman, 6-6 Perry Littleton, who hit for 13.3 points and grabbed 9.7 rebounds a game, will start at one forward along with 6-6 Jerry Johnson, a transfer from Jacksonville Baptist Junior College. Craig Williams, a freshman, and 6-10 junior, Harry Dickhaner (4.0) are other reserves.

LAMAR UNIVERSITY

Only three lettermen and just one starter return for Lamar as veteran coach Jack Martin faces the upcoming campaign with a lot of problems and matching last season's 6-15 mark (4-8 in the Southland) seems next to impossible.

The same thing that destroyed a good shooting Lamar team last year—lack of size—will also handicap the Redbirds this time around. Only this time, the good shooters are gone except for senior post man Danny Bromley.

The 6-4 Bromley shot .518 from the floor while pouring in 460 points and a team leading 19.2 average. The only other letter winners are reserves 6-4 senior Kenny Page, who averaged 7.4, and 6-5 senior John Prien, who scored at a 4.2 clip as a post-forward.

A pair of junior redshirts, 6-8 Alfred Nickson and 6-2 guard Bob Battle, should help along with junior college transfer, 6-6 Barry Gipson.

The best of five players up from the junior varsity is 6-1 guard Nolton Malveaux. Incoming freshman, Jim Siemienowski, 6-4, will be the lone yearling to have a shot at the varsity.

Among the four, three-year lettermen who departed was Elton Hayes, who led the NCAA in field goal shooting (.658), beating out UCLAs Bill Walton.

So there's not many good shooters, not much experience, not much size and not much hope. ●

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the solution if he could come up with consistent performances in the pivot. If he fails, the job will likely go to 6-8 freshman, Jim Town.

Otherwise, the lineup is well set. Al Skinner, a 6-4 senior forward, who averaged 14.9 points and nearly 10 rebounds a game, head the list of returnees. He'll team up front with 6-8 junior John Murphy (11.8 points and 7 rebounds).

And in the back court, it's expected that the starter will be 6-2 junior Bill Endicott (10.7), 6-3 junior Jim Burke (3.5). Peter Trow, a 6-4 senior (7.7) and Rick Pitino, a 6-0 senior (4.3) will be the top reserves.

Up from the sub varsity are Mike Stokes, Greg Duarte, Tom Ryan and Glen Cooper. They'll provide additional depth.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Finding a big man and someone to get him the ball will be the major problems for coach Ron Mitchell if Boston University is to continue its rise to New England basketball prominence.

The Terriers finished last season with a 15-10 mark, their best in nine years, and a third place finish in the Yankee Conference (7-4). Much of the success was due to James Garvin, the greatest rebounder and third leading scorer in BU history and guard Vic Gathers. Finding the replacements are the top priority.

BU should have no problem scoring with the return of 11 lettermen including the high powered front court combo of junior Kerry Walker and senior Kerry Boyd. Walker, 6-3, led the Terriers with a 17.5 average, coming on strong toward the end of the year. Boyd, a 6-6 jumping jack, was plagued by injuries, but still managed to average 17 points and 10 rebounds a game.

Senior guard, 5-11 Steve Dabney led the team in assists last year and is counted on to fill in for Gathers as the Terriers' playmaker. More help should come from 6-7 junior forward Derek Reveron (4.8) and 6-4 senior Larry Goodier (1.8).

Top sophomores include 6-1 Steve Jones, 6-5 Neil Burns and 6-5 Walt Chesley.

MAINE

If it's possible to have a rebuilding year two seasons in a row, that is the situation that Maine coach Tom Chappell may find himself occupying during 1973-74. Gone is his leader in forward Peter Gavett (22.2), an All-Yankee Conference and second team All-New England selection.

Three starters return, including Yankee Conference Rookie-of-the-Year, 6-6 sophomore Bob Warner, who averaged 18.5 points a game. He also pulled down 13.5 rebounds.

Steve Conley, a 6-7 sophomore (7.8) and Tony Hamlin, a 5-11 senior (6.4) were regulars a year ago when the Black Bears finished with a 13-10 mark (6-6 in the Yankee Conference).

Maine must find a good scoring guard—possibly Dan Reilly, a 6-2 freshman—and someone to replace Gavett—another freshman, Steve Gavett.

There's several promising newcomers like Terry Kenniston (19.7), Fred Climo (15.7), Peter Leighton (17.5) and Bruce Gerrity to go along with returning veterans 6-0 senior Dave Anderson (5.8), 6-5 junior Tom Burns (4.3) and 6-3 sophomore Mike Poplawsky (2.1).

The Black Bears will be young and should improve as the season goes along. This is a team of the future in the Yankee Conference.

RHODE ISLAND

New coach Jack Kraft faces the prospects of a long season at Rhode Island. There is a decided lack of experience of the Rams squad and with new techniques and systems to be taught, the future is really uncertain.

Of the returnees, only junior forward Jerry Minetti played in all of last season's games when Rhode Island was 7-18. Minetti, who is 6-5, averaged 6.8 points a game, best among the returnees.

Joe Charles, a 6-0 senior (3.9) and Larry Levane, a 6-2 junior (3.1) are expected to handle the back court duties, with freshman Richie Lamp in reserve. Levane is the son of former St. John's standout "Fuzzy" Levane, who later played pro ball and coached the New York Knicks.

Other key players include sophomore Carlton Smith, who averaged 17.9 points for the JVs and senior Nelson Lopes, who hit at an 18.9 norm for the sub varsity. Kraft is also counting heavily on 6-8 junior forward Brian Sullivan, along with 6-3 Randy Hughes (3.4) and 6-6 Steve Dolecki (1.5).

The other freshman recruits are 6-5 Mark Cizynski, 6-4 Frank Oftring and 6-7 Scott White.

Kraft took over at Rhode Island following 12 successful year at Villanova where his teams compiled a 243-95 mark and played in 11 straight tournaments.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Six returning lettermen, led by guards Erie Feragne and Wayne Morrison, both of whom averaged 16 points a game, offers plenty of hope for New Hampshire's cage fortunes this season.

Last year the Wildcats were 11-15 and 2-10 in the Yankee Conference. With most of the squad back, a winning season is a possibility.

In addition to the two guards, other lettermen returning include 6-5 forward Rick Minkwitz (7.9), 6-5 Dennis Sargent (6.8), 6-7 Lon Cohen (6.8 points and nearly 10 rebounds), and 6-7 Rich Gale (1.8).

They will be joined by a pair of promising sophomores, 5-10 Steve Simon and 6-3 Frank DiLiegro, along with a quintet of freshman recruits. The newcomers are 6-8 Bill Pardo, 6-4 Steve Singelais, 6-6 Mark Eckhardt, 6-0 Tony DiNardo and 6-4 Norm Jones.

"Our entire season rests on the ability of our big men to come through," says New Hampshire coach Gerry Friel. "I look for an improvement in our rebounding and offensive play, which were the weakest parts of our game last season. I do think we will be very competitive both inside and outside the Yankee Conference."

VERMONT

If the juniors, particularly captain Joe Greco (19.3 points and 9.7 rebounds a game) and Mario Macias (school record of 117 assists) continue to improve and the freshmen make a quick adjustment to major college ball—then Vermont has a chance to improve on its mark of 9-17 (2-10 in the Yankee Conference).

"Right now we're an unknown factor," says head coach Peter Salzberg, as he enters his second year. "Outside of Greco, we didn't have a consistent scorer on the team. Realistically, we'll be improved. Optimistically, we'll be competitive right away."

The Catamounts have seven lettermen returning overall. In addition to Greco, a 6-5 junior, and Macias, a 5-11 junior (6.2), Salzberg has 6-2 Barry Cohen (5.1), 6-4 Terry Green (8.9), 5-10 Rich Moss (2.6), 6-4 Don Ostler (8.7) and 6-2 Bernie Palmer (4.1).

Other veterans returning include Brian Donahue, Jeff Niles, Gave Vicks and Rich Vargas. The four freshman recruits, all of whom figure to see lots of playing time are 6-6 Ron Gottschalk, 6-2 Warren Prehmus, 6-7 Charlie Trapani and 6-1 Gene Weber.

One would have to say that it looks like another long season for Salzbert and his Vermont team. ●

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IOWA

Several interesting possibilities confront Iowa Coach Dick Schultz this season. He has a squad that includes six veterans, and five have been starters at one time or another. He also has four goodlooking sophomores who are capable of cracking the lineup. And the Hawkeyes have recruited six outstanding freshmen.

Top vets are 6-7 senior Neil Fegebank, a two-year starter at foward, who has averaged 10 points, is a strong rebounder and an excellent defensive player; 6-1 Candy LaPrince, who averaged 12.6 points after coming out of junior college a year ago; 6-9 senior Jim Collins, who has alternated between forward and center, averaged 7.3 last season and will probably be used exclusively at center this season; and 6-4 Reggie Vaughan, a swingman who hit at a 5.5 norm.

Sophomore Larry Moore, a pepperpot 5-11 guard, lettered as a freshman (3.3), as did Larry Parker, a 6-5 forward (3.6) who started a few games.

Stong candidates up from the freshman ranks are 6-3 guard Scott Thompson 6-8 forward Mike Gatens, 6-11 center Stan Petratis, and 6-5 forward Cliff Sumpter.

The incoming freshman are 6-7 forward Lee Border, 6-2 guard John Hairston, 6-8 center Bruce King, 6-3 guard Archie Mays, 6-5 swingman Leon Thomas, and 6-7 center Glen Worley.

Key losses were 7-0 center Kevin Kunnert, the Big Ten's leading rebounder for two years and its top marksman as a senior, and guard Rick Williams. The duo was 1-2 in scoring the past two seasons.

The schedule is demanding, but Schultz, in his fourth season, is optimistic about steady improvement in his program. Iowa was 13-11 overall and 6-8 in the Big 10 last season.

MICHIGAN STATE

Judging on the number of experienced, proven players returning, Michigan State should have one of its most competitive basketball teams in some time this season.

Key returnee for State is two-time Big Ten scoring champion Mike Robinson. A year ago, Robinson averaged 25.3 points a game, hitting for 40 in one contest. He was the leading scorer in all but four contests as the Spartans posted a 13-11 mark (6-8 overall in the Big 10).

The other back court spot, created by the graduation of Gary Ganakas, is up for grabs among a group of players. The best bets would appear to be 6-2 junior Bill Glover (2.8). 6-1 junior Pete Davis (3.3) and 5-8 sophomore Benny White (1.3), all letter winners a year ago. Two freshmen, 6-2 Robert Chapman and 6-3 Kevin Vandenbussche will also be given a long look-see.

Juniors 6-7 Lindsay Hairston and 6-4 Terry Furlow, the 6-9 sophomore Cedric Milton are the top candidates for starting front line positions. Hairston and Furlow were first string much of the way last year. Hairston, who was a highly touted prep star, averaged 11.5 points and nearly eight rebounds a game, the latter second best on the club. Furlow hit at a 5.8 norm.

Milton lettered as a backup center to regular Bill Kilgore and could blossom into one of the league's better big men. Behind them will be 6-5 junior Lovelle Rivers, out last season with surgery, and 6-4 junior Tom McGill, who showed rapid advancement near the end of the campaign.

The top freshmen frontliners are 6-5 All-Stater Edgar Wilson, and 6-4 Wayne Butler.

MICHIGAN

Michigan figures to be a much better team this season and certainly must be considered the "darkhorse" in the Big Ten race, despite the loss of three starters.

The Wolverines were a disappointing 13-11 a year ago (6-8 in the league) when they wre being touted as possible conference champions. The club had trouble playing together and there seemed to be a great deal of friction between the now graduated Henry Wilmore and Campy Russell.

Russell averaged 18.4 points and 9.6 rebounds as a sophomore, but the 6-7 forward was a letdown to many. Now, with Wilmore gone, Russell should be able to assert himself as the best forward in the Big 10 and one of the best in the country. The other corner job will probably go to 6-6 sophomore Chuck Roger with two freshmen, 6-9 Randy McLean and 6-6 John Robinson seeing plenty of action.

The center job will be handled by 6-8 junior C.J. Kupec, who also dabbles in football during the fall. Kupec averaged 4.9 points in a reserve role. Actually, he is a natural forward, but has to hold down the middle out of necessity.

Joe Johnson, a 5-10 junior and 6-2 sophomore Wayman Britt, who averaged 6.7 points and 2.9 points respectively, are both back after taking turns at running the club last year.

However, don't be surprised if, before long, a couple of freshmen—6-0 Bob Malaby and 6-2 Steve Grote move right in. It all means that there is a great deal of strength in the back court.

The remainder of the bench help will come from 6-2 sophomore Lloyd Schinnerer, 6-4 Tim Kuzma, 6-5 Jake Whitten, 6-4 junior Bill Ayler and 6-5 freshman Rick White.

OHIO STATE

Experience is lacking in the middle and in the back court. But the overall talent is there and Ohio State coach Fred Taylor has a way of making the most of what is available.

Taylor's biggest problem is replacing guard Allen Hornyak and center Luke Witte. Hornyank, the fourth best scorer in OSU history, averaged 24 points last year, while Witte hit at a 13.7 norm and claimed his third consecutive rebounding title.

Beginning his 16th year, Taylor has seen lettermen back from a squad which was 14-10 overall and 8-6 in the Big 10. All logged enough playing time to be considered regulars. For depth, the Buckeyes have an adequate crop of reserves as well as two highly touted frosh.

The Ohio State attack will be led by 6-7 senior Wardell Jackson, one of the top forwards in the league. Jackson averaged 13.2 points and seven rebounds a game and remains the best defensive player on the squad.

At the other forward spot will be one of three players—6-7 Bill Andreas (7.3), 6-6 Jack Wolfe (3.6) or 6-6 Steve Wenner (4.7).

Dan Gerhard, a 6-4 senior with a 6.2 scoring average will probably start at one guard, but the other spot could go to any of five players, including freshman Goose Bolden. Gary Repella, a 6-3 senior (2.1) is another possibility as are sophomores Joe Stepp and Andy Stiegemeirer and senior Bennie Allison.

Center presents the biggest problem for the Buckeyes, who have a capable starter in 6-10 Craig Taylor (2.6), but no proven back-up man. Taylor may elect to go with either Wolfe or Andreas in the middle or perhaps 6-6 freshman Craig Taylor.

MINNESOTA

Graduation cleaned out Minnesota and has presented coach Bill Musselman with an almost impossible rebuilding attack.

Gone are the men who helped the Gophers to a Big Ten championship in 1971-72 and a trip to the NCAA regional, and a second place finish last season followed by a trip to the NIT. The Gophers were 18-7 two years ago, and set a school record for wins in a single season last winter at 21-5.

Included among the missing are All-America center Jim Brewer. All-Big Ten forwards Clyde Turner and Ron Behagen, guard Bob Nix, parttime starter Dave Winfield and other frontline reserves, Corky Taylor and Greg Troland.

As was the case when Musselman arrived at Minnesota, he has gone out and tried to rebuild the squad around junior college transfers. He seems to have found exceptional guards in 6-5 Dennis Shaffer and 6-3½ Rick McCutcheon.

Schaffer was a first team All-American, averaging 25 points a game at Northern Iowa J.C. During the latter part of the season, Schaffer had games of 55, 53 and 51 points. McCutheon was a standout in the rugged California Juco league, and is called by Musselman, "the best point guard I saw all last year."

Two more Jucos—6-7 Pete Gilcud (a native of Nassau, Bahamas) and 6-7½ Phil Filer, will battle 6-5 freshman Tim Binns for the jobs. Musselman had concentrated much of his recruiting on prep superstar Adrian Dantley, who finally enrolled at Notre Dame.

The center spot will be controlled by Tommy Barker, a 7-0 sophomore and the only returning letterman. Barker averaged 2.5 points per game while seeing very limited action a year ago.

ILLINOIS

Illinois lost 54 per cent of its offensive scoring and 52 per cent of its rebounding with the graduation of All-American Nick Weatherspoon, center Nick Conner and forward Jed Foster.

Still, the Illini could be a factor in the Big Ten race. They were a year ago when they finished 14-10 overall and a surprising 8-6 in the conference.

Three starters return including 6-2 senior guard Jeff Dawson, an honorable mention Big Ten choice and the second leading scorer, 6-6 junior guard Otho Tucker (9.9) and 6-6 junior Rick Schmidt—who shared time with Foster—3.9.

The biggest problem concerns the center position and adequate strength up front. Sophomore Bill Rucks, a 6-11, 250-pounder and among the biggest players ever to enroll at Illinois, must improve drastically from his freshman campaign when he scored at a 2.2 clip.

Tucker may be moved to the front line by coach Harv Schmidt, to beef up the forward spot and to open the back court to either 6-2 junior Dave Roberts or 6-4 senior C.J. Schroeder.

"This will be a scrappy, intelligent group of players," says Schmidt. "We have a few holes to fill and most will consider us an underdog. I guarantee that we will surprise many of our opponents."

Four freshmen—6-6 Tim Bushell, 6-8 Mike Dempsey, 6-6 Brad Farnham and 6-2 Howard Johnson—will also have shots at varsity jobs.

WISCONSIN

This could be a crucial season for Wisconsin coach John Powless.

The fans and alums have been unhappy with the performances of the Badgers over the past couple of seasons and especially last year when they were 11-13 overall and 5-9 in the Big 10.

Now, with four starters back, seven additional lettermen, five outstanding sophomores and some sparkling recruits, the pressure is on Powless to win.

The only player of significance lost through graduation was 6-5 Leon Howard, who averaged a team high of 18 points a game last year.

Heading up the returning starters are Kim and Kerry Hughes, the 6-11 senior twins. Kim, a center, averaged 13.8 points and 12.3 rebounds, while Kerry hit for 13.1 points and grabbed 9.7 caroms.

Three lettermen—6-8 sophomore Dale Koehler (1.6), 6-6 senior Steve Wilhelm (0.8) and 6-5 junior Rick Pick Piacenza (0.1)—will battle for the open front court spot along with 6-3 Felix Mantilla and 6-3 Reggie Harris, up from the Jayvees and four excellent freshmen, 6-8 Pete Brey, 6-8 John Lenahan, 6-6 Buddy Faurote and 7-0 Tom Agardy.

Things are extremely stable in the back court where both starters—6-5 Gary Anderson and 6-6 junior Marcus McCoy return, along with the top reserve, 6-1 senior Lamont Weaver.

Anderson averaged 9.0 points a game while McCoy hit at a 7.8 clip. Weaver, who was a starter early in the season until being shelved by illnesses, contributed 6.4.

The backup help will be provided by 6-3 junior Bruce MacCauley, 6-3 junior Tim Paterick (1.6), 6-3 Bob Luchsinger (1.0) plus sophomores 6-0 Mark Lotzer and 6-2 Tim Valentyn and 6-4 freshman Jim Czajkowski.

NORTHWESTERN

New head coach Tex Winter faces the difficult task of ending Northwestern's three-year grip on the Big Ten basement and building a winner for the Wildcats.

"Because we are in a building situation," says Winter. "My best approach is to wait and see. I am however, encouraged by some things that I have seen in films."

Three returning starters provide great Northwestern with its tallest frontline in history. They are forwards 6-8 Bryan Ashbaugh and 6-7 Greg Wells and 6-10 center James Wallace. Much of the success of the club will really depend on this trio. A year ago, Wallace came on strong as the season progressed and wound up with 8.8 points and rebounds a game. Ashbaugh averaged 11.7 points and 7.1 rebounds while Wells hit for 11.4 points and grabbed 9.2 rebounds.

Two junior college transfers, 6-6 Kris Berymon and 6-7 Willie Williams possess good scoring punch and might win starting jobs. Berymon, who saw brief action last year before illness sidelined him, is an unknown factor. If he can return to the form that made him one of the nation's most sought after recruits four year's ago, the Wildcats could have a front line equal to anyone in the Big 10. Williams was a stickout at Southern Idaho, averaging 16 points and 11 rebounds. Other forward possibilities are lettermen Joe Otis (4.6) and Terry Dammeier (1.8).

Winter has to reconstruct the back court. A likely candidate to fill one of the vacancies is 6-1 senior Kevin Kachan (6.5). Vying for the other spot are three underclassmen, juniors John Brodnan (2.6) and Randy Jackson (3.5), and sophomore Tim Teasley (2.8).

The freshmen recruits include 6-5 Brad Cartwright, 6-8 David Fields, 6-2 Bob Hildebrand, 6-6 Dave Hiser, and 6-0 Bill McKinney.

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PEPPERDINE

Despite the premature departure of William "Bird" Averitt, the nation's leading scorer—to the San Antonio club of the ABA—Pepperdine's basketball program could reach new heights this season.

Following a banner recruiting year in which the Waves landed two exceptional high scoring forwards, coach Gary Colson's club appears ready to challenge for the league crown.

The newcomers are Marquinas Leite and Jan Beye, a pair of 6-8 sharpshooters. Leite, a 225-pound Brazilian, was the second leading scorer in the 1972 Olympics, while Beye, a JC transfer from New Jersey, was the national scoring champion (38.1).

Joining the two under Colson's one-four offense up front are juniors 6-7 Billy Williams (8.4 points and 9.2 rebounds) and 6-7 Allan Jones (11.4 points and 6.8 rebounds) and 6-5 sophomore Dick Skophammer (12.8 points and 10.5 rebounds). In addition, Jeff Hendrix, 6-5, who has one year of eligibility remaining will be back. He averaged 12 points and 10 rebounds two seasons ago.

Colson indicated there are three main candidates for the lone guard spot. Chris Thompson and Brian Goorjian, both 6-3 and redshirted a year ago will battle 6-1 freshman Angelo Brach, who Colson says is "farther advanced at the same stage than Averitt was."

If Colson can replace Averitt's points (39.1) in league play, then he might be in a challenging position. The talent is surely there.

SANTA CLARA

Last year, Santa Clara's great 20-7 season went virtually unnoticed around the country. The Broncos had one of the best teams on the West Coast, finishing second in the West Coast Athletic Conference ot San Francisco.

There doesn't seem to be any way that coach Caroll Williams team can duplicate the squad's '72-'73 performance, especially since three prominent starters have graduated.

Three veterans are back and they will carry the brunt of the attack. They are 6-8 junior Remel Diggs (10.7), 6-6 junior swingman Jerry Bellotti (8.7) and 6-0 junior guard Jerry Piro (6.1).

Top candidates for the post position will be redshirts 6-9 senior John Stege and 6-10 sophomore Ed McPheeters. The latter led the Jayvees with 18.5 points and 13.5 rebounds. In addition, the 6-11 freshman center, Scott Reider, will get a long look.

Top returning lettermen battling for the forward spots will be 6-7 senior Jay Helman (1.4) and 6-6 sophomore Glenn Hubbard, who led the JVs with a 25.5 point average.

The Broncos need better back court strength. In addition to Bellotti and Piro, Santa Clara will have K. C. Jackson, a 6-4 Juco transfer, plus holdovers 6-1 Doug Coward and 6-1 Jim Romey and 6-4 freshman Vester Robinson.

LOYOLA (LA)

Loyola's new coach, Dave Benaderet, can find a replacement for two-time all West Coast Athletic Conference center Steve Smith, then the Lions have a shot at reaching the .500 mark.

A year ago, Loyola was 10-16 with Smith leading the club in scoring (22.4) and rebounding (13.7).

The other four starters return, including sophomores Luther Philyaw and Lloyd McMillian. Philyaw, a 6-2 guard, jumped into the starting lineup as a freshman and responded by scoring 14.9 points a game, second only to Smith. McMillian, a 6-5 forward, became eligible in January and in 11 appearances, hit for 7.9 points and grabbed 4.7 rebounds.

Scott Kay, a 6-2 senior (10.9) and Brad Dean, a 6-4 junior (11.8 points and 10.5 rebounds) also return to their starting guard and forward spots, respectively.

The starters will be backed up by a pair of transfers from Oregon—6-2 guard Ken Kincheloe and 6-6 forward Paul Sunderland—and they are expected to see considerable playing as are 6-6 senior forward Joe Cullen and 5-11 junior guard Louis Gray.

But the big question mark still remains in the middle. The man nominated for the pivot spot is 6-7 sophomore Don Bartell. Last year, Bartell was the leading scorer (21.3) and number two rebounder (13.4) for the Junior Varsity.

SEATTLE

With a strong back court leading the way, Seattle hopes to improve on its 13-13 mark of a year ago. Advancement in the West Coast Athletic Conference is problematic, due to the overall improvement of the other clubs in the league.

Second year coach Bill O'Connor has excellent guards in 6-2 sophomore Frank Oleynick, and 6-4 senior Rod Derline. Oleynick, who averaged 14.5 points, shooting 50 per cent from the floor, was co-winner of the WCAC "Freshman of the Year" award. Derline led the Chieftans with a 16.3 norm and was second in rebounding.

Ron Howard, a 6-4 senior will hold down one forward spot with the other going to either 6-3 junior Jesse McGaffie or 6-7 Ricke Reed. Howard averaged 10.9 points and nearly seven rebounds a game. McGaffie, hit at a 3.9 norm while Reed was an outstanding Juco player.

O'Connor went to the junior colleges for his

center, and came up with Jerry "Horse" Lee, who averaged 24.5 points for Arizona Community College. He'll be backed up by Reggie "Mean" Green, a 6-7 freshman from Castlemont H.S. in Oakland, Calif.

Last year, Seattle finished fifth in the WCAC with a mark of 6-8. They should be in about the same spot when the season ends next March. The Chieftans didn't improve as much as the other clubs.

NEVADA-RENO

Former California basketball coach Dick Padgett is working hard at convincing people that there is another school which plays basketball in Nevada. And, he's not about to be outdone by Jerry Tarkanian or his super frosh.

Padgett has some pretty good talent of his own, led by Pete Padgett, who is none other than No. 1 son. Pete was the co-winner of the West Coast Athletic Conference Freshman-of-the-year award last season. He was part of the youthful club which also used two other yearlings quite a bit—6-10 Dennis Johnson and 6-2 Gary Batiste.

Likely to start up front in the other spot is 6-5 Marv Buckley, while Mike Larrios and Steve Harris, a pair of 6-2 seniors, provide good savvy in the backcourt.

Reno is on the upswing. Remember, two years ago, this team was 0-14 in conference play.

ST. MARY'S

Another of the West Coast Athletic Conference schools where the young players have been used over the past couple of seasons in St. Mary's.

Best of the entire bunch is 6-8 junior Mike Rozenski, who will most likely team up front with 6-8 Craig Casault with Frank McNamara and Chris Thode in reserve. Bill Range will be an important factor in the middle.

The guard situation is good with Mark Viera, Matt Kriletich and Vinch Lombard.

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Pat Kelly, a 6-2 senior, who averaged 4.5, and 6-4 junior college transfer, Tony Lawrence figure to be the starting guards with Dough Mitchell (4.1) and Bobby Hoffman (1.8) in reserve.

Among the freshman recruits is 6-4 Brad Hunt, who scored 33.4 points per game and had a single game high of 52. He may be pressed into immediate service.

MISSOURI

After posting 21-6 marks in each of the last two seasons, Missouri coach Norm Stewart faces a rebuilding year in 1973-74.

It's hard to replace a player the calibre of 6-7 All-America John Brown, who has been the leading scorer and rebounder over the past couple of years. Brown scored 1,421 points in his career and was a first round draft pick of the Atlanta Hawks of the National Basketball Association. Brown was also selected to the 1972 Olympic team but had to withdraw after having suffered a broken ankle.

Also gone are back court starters Mike Jeffries (9.7) and Orv Salmon (6.9) and the condition of Felix Jerman, who had been ticketed for a forward job, is still very much in doubt.

Jerman, who averaged 7.2 points, was hurt in the National Invitation Tournament against Massachusetts, severly injuring his knee. As of yet, the knee hasn't fully responded to treatment.

Al Eberhard, a 6-5 senior, and the top returnee, also underwent surgery at the conclusion of the season—on his elbow—and he's come along well and should be ready for the start of the campaign. Eberhard averaged 17 points and 9.3 rebounds a year ago, hitting better than 50 per cent of his field goal attempts.

Since Jerman is doubtful, the other starting forward spot will go to 6-5 Gary Link who averaged 9.5 as the sixth man, or one of two freshmen, 6-8 Kim Anderson or 6-7 Danny Van Rheen.

Filling Brown's spot at center is the biggest problem. The best bet is 6-8 sophomore LaMont Turner (1.1) with 6-11 Gail Wolf (2.5) another possibility.

Sophomore Kevin King (1.7) and Steve Blind (4.9) return to fill the gaps at guard with transfer Steve Dangos waiting in the wings along with freshmen 6-2 Jeff Currie and 6-4 Ron Selbo.

NEBRASKA

Nebraska coach Joe Cipriano faces the prospects of a starting lineup which will include two sophomores and three freshmen as he attempts to build the Cornhuskers into a title contender.

The 1972-73 Cornhuskers finished 9-17, the poorest mark in nearly a decade. One of the major problems was a lack of height up front where the team was often battered on the boards.

Faced with the same prospects, Cipriano and his assistants hit the recruiting trail and came up with eight "blue chippers." No longer should rebounding be a problem.

Best of the new recruits are 6-9 Mark Enright, 6-6 Bob Siegel, 6-10 Ron Taylor, 6-7 Ricky Harris, 6-7 Rick Seidel, 6-8 Ken Vecchio, along with 6-5 junior college transfer Fred Coker and 6-6 sophomore Larry Cox.

They will battle returning lettermen, 6-4 Steve Erwin (2.5) and 6-8 Brendy Lee, the top rebounder (7.1) to go with a 7.9 scoring average.

In 6-3 sophomores Jerry Fort and Ricky Marsh, the Cornhuskers have a guard combination that could develop into one of the best in the Big Eight. Fort averaged 14.5 points to lead the Cornhuskers and was third overall in rebounding. Marsh, a former prep All-American from New York City, hit at a 5.2 norm. They will be backed up by lettermen Kent Reckeway (7.9) and Tom Novak. Another possibility is 6-0 freshman, Gary Fitzsimmons.

"We're awfully young and that in itself will probably cause problems," said Cipriano. "Remember that none of the frosh have put on a college uniform and we might be asking a lot of them. Still I think it's a very talented group."

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freshmen, 6-6 Rickey Lee or 6-8 Lonnie Shelton. Lee played in the shadow of the highly touted Richard Washington at Benson Tech in Portland (Ore.). Still, he was one of the most sought after players in the Pacific Northwest.

Other possibilities up front are 6-10 Doug Oxsen (1.8), plus 6-7 Craig Hunter, and 6-5 Tim Hennessey, plus frosh 7-0 Jeff Sledge, 6-4 George Tucker, 6-10 Mark Gregg, 6-7 Don Smith and 6-6 Brad Woolrich.

There's no problem at all in the back court, where the top three players return, led by 6-2 junior Charlie Neal, who averaged 10.5 points, handed off a team high of 146 assists and was third in rebounding. At the other guard 6-4 Ron Jones and 6-4 Cliff Jones, who averaged 7.3 points and 7.2 points, respectively, will share the job. Steve Bakke and Mark Henjum, both 6-0.

WASHINGTON STATE

Washington State opens its magnificent new arena this season and second year coach George Raveling has recruited the type of players who should provide plenty of excitement for Cougar fans.

Last year, WSU finished dead last in the PAC-8. Gone from that team is Mike Dolven who was the leading scorer and rebounder, and season-long regular Morris Griffin.

Raveling struggled with the team (6-20) and promised that things would be turned around in the next couple of seasons. The former Maryland assistant, who played a major role in recruiting many of the present Terps, collared an outstanding collection of new players for the upcoming year. A number of them will play big roles in the Cougars, who no longer will be a patsy in the conference.

Washington State will probably open the season with only one senior in the lineup. He'll be 5-11 Brad Jackson, who averaged 5.2 points and was the team leader in assists. A freshman, 6-2 Marty Giovacchini is another possibility at the point.

The wings will be handled by a pair of sophomores, both of whom lettered a year ago—6-3 Edgar Jeffries (6.6 points and the second leading rebounder) and 6-3 Sammy Miller who averaged 10.8 points after joining the club at mid-semester.

Newcomers are likely to start at the post positions. Raveling recruited two excellent big men—6-11½ prep All-American, Steve Puidokas and 6-9 junior college All-American Ricky Brown. Puidokas averaged 25 points and 19 rebounds a game as a senior.

Other Cougar recruits include 6-5 Brian Gunn, 6-7 Greg Johnson from the high schools, and 6-8 John Batiste and 6-8 Nikola Oluic from the Juco ranks.

Lettermen returning include 6-11 Steve Bergstrom (3.3), who looked promising last year, and 6-5 Bob Niehl (3.7), a swingman.

"Our biggest problem will be one of inexperience," said Raveling. "We're going to be improved so nobody better take us for granted. Overall, we'll be fairly quick and if the newcomers adapt to the college game, this will be a competitive club."

CALIFORNIA

Unless California coach Dick Edwards gets some immediate help from his tall incoming freshmen, the Bears will again be relegated to the second division of the Pac-8 race.

The Bears lost seven games by five or less points last season (11-15 overall and 4-10 in the league) to give Edwards his first ever losing season. Much of the woes were caused by lack of height, which harmed the team more on defense than offense. California didn't have a legitimate center—one problem which appears to be solved this time around.

It is hoped that 7-0 Steve Lackey, a transfer from American River Junior College will be able to fill the spot. If things work out, then it will allow Edwards to move Carl Meier, a 6-8 senior back to his natural forward spot. Meier was the center a year ago and was often overmatch in the pivot. He averaged 11.5 points and 7.7 rebounds a game.

The "ifs" will be of vital concern to Edwards. If Lackey works out, allowing Meier to move to forward, and if the coach can find another adqaute

front liner, he can then move Brady Allen, a 6-4 senior back to his natural guard spot.

Allen, the California JC Player-of-the-Year for 1972, averaged 11.7 points for the Bears, leading the team in assits, despite having to play an unfamiliar position much of the time.

The freshmen, who can fill the bill up front are 6-8 Jim Griffity, 6-10 Rock Lee, 6-7 Doug Vilotte or 6-6 Don Weaver, along with possibly sophomore 6-8 Pat Motoal and Ken Thompson, up from the Jayvee team. Bill Keller, who averaged 5.3 points a year ago, also figures in the battle.

California's top player is 6-3 guard Rickey Hawthorne, who hit a 14.2 norm and was third in team rebounding. He was one of the top freshmen on the coast a year ago and is already being compared favorably with another California standout, Phil Chenier, now with the Capital Bullets.

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Weist and 6-2 senior Ty Fitzpatrick return. Weist was the team's leading scorer with a 15.4 average after moving up to the varsity the final 12 games of the season, while Fitzpatrick hit at a 10.2 norm.

At center, it will be 6-9 junior Roger Davis. A year ago, Davis averaged 8.3 points and 11.6 rebounds a game, the latter the top mark in the Big Sky Conference. He'll be backed up by 6-8 senior Sid Hansen (3.6).

Steve Ton, a 6-7 senior, who was the team's second leading scorer and rebounder (11.3 points and 7.9 rebounds) will hold down one of the forward spots. The other position will go to either of two lettermen—6-7 senior Marv Siegwein (5.5) or 6-5 junior Rick Nelson (5.5).

Additional help will come from 6-2 guard Frank Munos (4.4) and 6-2 guard Jim Valentino (4.7).

GONZAGA

The Gonzaga Bulldogs should be a considerablly better squad than last year's team which finished 14-12 overall and 6-8 in the Big Sky Conference. The Bulldogs of a season ago relied mainly on the front line of Greg Sten, Joe Clayton and Stewart Morrill for their scoring and rebounding. Sten and Clayton have graduated and with them go more than 30 points and 20 rebounds per contest. Both were All-Conference performers two consecutive seasons.

Morrill, a 6-8, 220-pounder, should be able to take up where he left off last year. The big post man averaged 25 points and 12 rebounds over the last four games and finished with a 15.1 average. He'll be backed up by 6-10 Juco import Willie Moss.

Two sophomores, up from the Jayvees are expected to fill the vacant forward spots. They are 6-6 Dwayne Jones and 6-7 Bob McIver. Jones was the leading scorer and rebounder with the JVs, averaging 17.6 points and 12 rebounds a contest. McIver was a 13-point and 8 rebound man. Another possibility is 6-5 junior college transfer, Carl Minns, a native of the Bahamas.

The starting back court returns intact with 5-10 Willie Daigle and 6-2 Skip Molitor, who averaged 8.3 and 5.9 points, respectively. Both are outstanding defensive players. Likely to push the two is 6-2 junior college transfer Ken Tyler and a pair of freshmen, 6-2 John Holstein and 6-0 Paul Hill.

BOISE STATE

Boise State had one of the most unusual developments in college basketball last season when head coach Murray Satterfield resigned in the middle of the season. His successor, Bus Connor took over and guided the Broncos to a 11-15 mark (5-9 in the Big Sky Conference).

Connor has a rebuilding job to do in his first full season and finding an outside shooting guard is his top priority. The one back court spot will be filled by 6-3 senior Clyde Dickey, who averaged 14.9 points a game last season. Terry Miller, an incoming freshman might just fit the bill.

Up front, Boise State is in pretty good shape. The leading returnee is 6-6 senior forward Maurice Buckingham, the team's top scorer last year with a 16.0 average and 19.1 in Big Sky competition. Buckingham also grabbed 7.6 rebounds.

Four players will battle for the other two starting jobs. They are 6-7 sophomore Pat Hoke, 6-7 transfer George Wilson, 6-6 Jim Keys and 6-7 freshman Ed Chontos.

"We'll have exceptional quickness and I expect the club will be very good defensively and that we'll be able to hold our own on the boards," said Connor. "The big problem will be in scoring points."

IDAHO STATE

The outlook at Idaho State is once again bright. Coach Jim Killingsworth has a pair of starters returning from last year's Big Sky second place team, which compiled an 18-8 mark. Also back are a pair of top reserves, plus an excellent crop of junior college transfers and incoming freshmen.

Killingsowth's major job will be finding a replacement for leading scorer Ev Fopma, who averaged 16.4 points a game. His job will probably go to either 6-7 Leroy Gibbons (3.5) or 6-6 junior college transfer Ron Kruidhof.

The one forward job is set for 6-5 Jim Anderson, a 12.6 point scorer, who also averaged 7.3 rebounds a game. And at center, Idaho State can call on its other returnee, 6-10½ Dan Spindler (10.1 points and 6.7 rebounds).

Front court reserves will be 6-4 Paul Doos (3.3), 6-10 Steve Hayes, 6-9½ Dave Allen, 6-5 Brian Bemis, and 6-7 Frank Krahn.

Best bets to start in the back court are 6-3 Matt Strannigan and 6-1 George Rodriguez. Strannigan was one of the top scorers on last season's JV squad, while Rodriguez is a Juco transfer.

Back court help will come from freshmen 6-2 Dennis Green and 6-0 Mark Adams and junior college transfer 6-0 Kevin Holt.

MONTANA STATE

The departure of three tall front liners forces Montana State coach Hank Anderson to look upon 1973-74 as a rebuilding season.

Despite the heavy losses up front, however, Anderson is not ready to discount his club. The top three guards and three experienced forwards are back.

The biggest challenge facing Anderson, a veteran of 22 coaching seasons, is developing a center. Daryl Ross, a 6-8 sophomore, will be given first crack at the job.

The guards should be improved, simply because they're all back with an added year of experience behind them. Tom Kastelitz, 6-1, was the club's third leading scorer with an 113. average. Keith Byrd, a 5-7 mighty mite, came along well after a slow start and finished with a 5.8 mark. Greg Cory, 5-10, the top assists man, averaged 4.5.

Leading candidates for the forward jobs are 6-5 Scott McDonald and 6-6 Craig Buehler. McDonald started 16 games last season and averaged 9.8 points and nearly eight rebounds a game. Buehler hit at a 7.1 norm, but suffered from inconsistency. Willie Weeks, a 6-5 sophomore who was redshirted last season, could contribute offensively. As a freshman he averaged 19.9 points a game.

Other varsity candidates are 6-6 junior Rocky Tollefson—a letterman—and sophomore 6-5 Randy Rucker, 6-4 Ben Zimmerman and 6-2 Pat Osborne.

NORTHERN ARIZONA

Lack of size spelled doom for Northern Arizona a year ago when the Lumberjacks were 6-20, losing 12 games by less than eight points. Coach Herb Gregg was faced with the same problem again so he went out and recruited—and he came up with some of the best talent to come into the Big Sky Conference.

He brought in five junior college and five freshman standouts to go with three returnees from a year ago.

From the Juco's, there are 6-5 junior forward Jim Preston (20.0), 6-6 junior Danny Middleton (15.2), 6-4 junior Clyde Turner (14.7), 6-2 junior Emerson Gordon (14.2) and 6-1 junior playmaker Ernest Reed (7.2).

The high school recruits include 6-7 forward-center Mark Oswalt (18 points and 17 rebounds), 6-9 Jeff Spencer (23 points and 18 rebounds), 6-6 forward Bill Clark (18 points and 10 rebounds), 6-5 swingman Bob Curran (15 points and 10 rebounds) and 6-3 guard William Everett (14 points and 11 rebounds).

"We will have a more solid nucleus this year with better shooters, better rebounding more quickness and much better defense," assessed Gregg.

The returnees from last year are 6-7 senior Jim Collins (7.2), 6-5 senior Jim Henderson and 6-7 sophomore Kirk Bochtold.

NEW ENGLAND MAJOR INDEPENDENTS

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FAIRFIELD

With 12 letterman returning and the addition of a former All-Atlantic Coast Conference star, plus several promising freshmen, there seems little doubt that Fairfield has an excellent shot at another NIT berth.

Coach Fred Barakat's club was 18-9 a year ago and advanced to the quarter finals of the National Invitation Tournament.

Both starting forwards return in 6-6 junior Phil Rogers (13.6) and 6-6 junior Ralph Rehn (8.2). However, waiting in the wings is 6-5 senior Richie O'Connor, who starred at Duke for two seasons. Ray Kelly, a 6-3 senior, who averaged 13.5 points in a reserve role, may have a lot to say about the starting jobs too. Reserve strength will be provided by 6-4 sophomore Greg Scott (1.1), 6-5 freshman Owen Mahorn and 6-6 sophomore Steve Diaz.

Senior playmaker John Ryan, who handed out a school record of 245 assists a year ago, returns in the backcourt, while 6-2 junior Joe Morina (1.0), 6-0 junior Jerry Lademan (1.8) and 6-2 sophomore Herb Rhaburn (2.6) will fight it out for the spot vacated by all-time leading scorer George Groom.

Barakat will also have three returning lettermen at center in 6-11 junior Craig Moorer (6.1 points and 7.9 rebounds), 6-9 senior Dave Bradley (6.8) and 6-9 senior Dick Backfish (1.7).

The Stags have an "easy" schedule which is conducive to getting in the NIT next March.

HOLY CROSS

George Blaney, in his second year at Holy Cross, faces a rebuilding year. Gene Doyle and Jim Schnurr, who combined for 2,504 career points, are gone

along with the team's playmaker for three years, Bruce Grentz.

Only two of the Crusaders returnees averaged in double figures last year and they'll be counted on to carry the scoring burdon this time around.

Malcolm Moulton, a 6-5 senior hit for 15 points and grabbed seven rebounds a game while 6-1 sophomore King Gaskins averaged 13.7. Gaskins showed plenty of potential, but must stop being so individualistic in order to be effective.

The center position is one that will go a long way in determining how well Holy Cross fares. John Budris, a 7-0 senior with limited playing experience (3.3 points and 2.1 rebounds) must come on strongly. He played behind Doyle for two seasons.

Other players who will help up front are 6-8 sophomore Marty Halsey (2.5) and 6-7 sophomore James Dee (2.7) along with 6-6 senior Rod Deleaver (2.2).

The guard situation is one that pleases Blaney. In addition to Gaskins, there are five others to choose from. Joe Carballiera, a transfer from Fordham, figures to get the starting job, but he'll be hard pressed by 6-1 junior Doug Downey (1.5), 5-10 junior Dave Holland (3.0) 5-11 Mike Balney (1.4) and 6-2 sophomore Steve Anderson (2.0).

Holy Cross recruited three frosh—all of whom could see action this season. They are 6-5 Jim Gooch, 6-5 Bill Doran and 6-2 Kevin McAuley.

The Crusaders may have trouble matching last season's disappointing 9-17 mark. ●

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

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Terry Kusnierz, who scored 10.7 a game, and 60 guard Taki Koroneos, who hit 8.0.

Davis is desperately in need of a "big" man. Dale Hathorn, a 7-2 sophomore, could fill the bill, though he likely will be red shirted for needed experience and maturity. A possibility is 6-10 Bob Shapiro, who averaged 1.7 points while seeing limited action.

Providing reserve strength will be Bill Singletary (4.7), Jeff Stroman (2.4), 6-6 Dale Haarman (21.5 with the JVs) and Joe Dean.

"We will be improved," Davis says, "and we will benefit greatly from playing together last season. No one will be able to take us lightly and if one of the big men can come along, I think we could reach the first division."

New freshmen include 6-3 Don Coleman, 6-4 Martin Cupit and 6-9 David Hudek.

FLORIDA

Florida opens a new era this season under the leadership of head coach John Lotz, former North Carolina assistant. Lotz will find out that it will be a lot tougher winning at Florida where the recruiting is a lot tougher.

In his initial season, Lotz will have his work cut out. Despite having several returning lettermen, the new coach will be working with a squad which has suffered through four consecutive losing seasons. He will also have to fill the gap left by Tony Miller, who graduated after leading the Gators in scoring the past three seasons and was the SEC scoring champ as a junior.

Leading returning scorer and rebounder is 6-8 junior Chip Williams, who averaged 16.5 points and 12.1 rebounds a game. He is one of 10 lettermen available.

As many as four sophomores will figure in Florida's plans. Gene Shy, a 6-5 forward (10.8), 6-8 forward Bob Smyth (7.3), 6-3 guard Bill Moody (6.7) and 6-1 guard Mike Lederman (5.6) are all expected to challenge for starting jobs.

Others who figure to get a shot are 6-3 senior guard Steve Williams, 6-0 guard Tim Fletcher, 6-4 forward Mark Thompson and 6-3 forward Malcolm Meeks.

All three incoming freshmen, 6-3 guard Don Bostic, 6-2 Bruno Caldwell and 6-4 forward Jerry Moore are expected to pressure for first team spots.

Florida was 11-15 last season and 7-11 in the SEC. Reaching that mark this year would be a great accomplishment for Lotz. He was known as a great recruiter and he will be given the chance to get the top players for Florida, and whether he can do it in the future will determine the Gators ultimate success.

AUBURN

New coach Bob Davis plans to introduce a different style of play at Auburn and he fully expects it to take some time for the players to make the transition.

The Tigers will run a lot on offense and press on defense. This may make them exciting, but they'll still have lots of trouble trying to stay out of the SEC cellar.

Davis, who won 415 games in 20 seasons at tiny Georgetown (Ky.), has six returning lettermen, including two players who started most of last year.

Mike Christian, a 6-1 senior guard, averaged 12.2 points a game last year, second best on the club, while 6-6 sophomore Gary Redding pumped in 11.5 per contest. They will be the scoring mainstays of the Auburn team.

Five others started at one time or another during last season. They are 6-5 senior Bob Osberry (6.5), 6-8 sophomore Bob Bond (5.8), 6-3 senior guard Tim Beavers (4.0), 6-3 sophomore guard Bob Mandula (2.3) and 6-4 junior guard Jerry Lamberson (2.2).

Up from the JVs are 6-5 forward Rich Gortney, 6-3 guard Bill Turner and centers 6-9 Glen Moon and 6-10 Mike Roach.

Despite a late start, Davis recruited well and any of the five stand a shot at earning a berth in the lineup. All five were big scorers and could give the Auburn attack some zip. They include 6-7 Ken Bolden (23.5), 6-2 Eddie Johnson (32.1), 6-7 Roger Jorgensen (20.6), 6-3 Bill Wallace (19.8) and 6-8 Ray Woodard (20.4).

This is going to be a long season for Davis and there'll be time when he wishes he had stayed at Georgetown.

GEORGIA

Georgia's new coach, Babe McCarthy faces a rebuilding job since five regulars have departed from a team that finished 10-16. But the colorful mentor has been faced with rebuilding jobs before and proved to be a master at fielding winners.

McCarthy won four Southeastern Conference championships at Mississippi State in the late 50s and early 60s. For the past six seasons, he has coached in the American Basketball Association and was ABA Coach of the Year in 1969.

Seven players graduated from last year's Bulldog squad including five who had been starters for two seasons. Among the graduates was Tim Bassett, the SEC's leading rebounder, and Ron Hogue and John Fraley. All three averaged in double figures.

McCarthy's two top returnees did not play a minute of ball last season. Ed Peterson, a 6-4 guard, and Doug Miller, a 6-6 forward, had to sit out the year after transferring.

Returning from last year's varsity are four players who should see plenty of action. Charlie Anderson, a 6-5 senior (5.2) leads the group. He was a starter during the latter half of last season. Junior forward 6-6 Billy Magarity, 6-0 sophomore David Lucey and 6-9 Steve Waxman are top contenders for starting jobs.

Bryan Drafts, a 6-3 guard is up from the junior varsity along with Don Lindsya, a 6-2 guard. Four freshmen will also be given a long look-see by McCarthy. They are 6-5 Pete Fusi—the Georgia AAA MVP—6-6 Gregg Ewaldsen, 6-4 Julius Brown and 6-1 Tim Goski.

McCarthy will really have to be a miracle man to have a successful season with the players he inherits. ●

EASTERN MAJORS

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last year until the 16th game when he chipped a bone in his ankle. He'll have to fight off 6-5 Al Richardson (4.1) and 6-6 sophomore Kenny Kee.

There's no question as to who the center will be. Jordan, reputed to be the best big man to ever enter Canisius, was devastating with the frosh. The 6-9, 230-pounder, averaged 24 points and 20 rebounds a game and tallied 41 points and had 30 rebounds against the Syracuse JVs.

Williams will add a new dimension to the back court. The 5-9 freshman was the high school player of the year in New York last season, averaging 32.1 points a game. He is already being compared in some quarters with former Niagara great Calvin Murphy.

His likely back court mate will be 6-2 Mike Roberts, who averaged 6.7 points. Another possibility is Jimmy Fell, who handed out almost nine assists a game with the freshmen.

The only thing which might hold coach John Morrison's club back is lack of experience. This is really a team of the future.

PENN STATE

If Penn State can survive a brutal schedule—14 of the first 17 games are on the road, the Nittany Lions have a shot at a National Invitation Tournament bid. A year ago, the club was headed toward a Madison Square Garden berth, only to lose three of its last four games and finish 15-8.

Coach John Bach begins his 24th season—6th at Penn State—with his five top scorers all back.

The key to the Lions success will be the continued improvement of 6-9 junior center Randy Meister and the play of 6-4 senior Ron Brown. The latter was a big disappointment a year ago when he reported to school overweight and struggled to get into condition all season. Brown averaged 13 points per game after a great year in 1971-72, when he was named ECAC Sophomore of the Year.

Meister could develop into one of the better centers in the East. As a sophomore, he averaged 14.7 points and 11 rebounds before missing the final two games of the season due to an injury.

Kevin Burke and Kennan Preston started in the back court as sophomores and now have a year's experience behind them. Burke, 6-3, averaged 10.7 points, but shot a lowly .361 from the field. Preston, 6-3, hit at a 5.7 norm, and his outside shooting wasn't much better (.398). Overall, the Lions made .403 of their field goal attempts, which ranked among the lowest marks in the country.

Jon Marshall, a 6-5 senior, who led the Lions in rebounding (11.4) to go with 9.8 points rounds out the returning five.

Bach has recruited what he feels is an outstanding freshman in 6-6 Chris Erichsen. If Erichsen can cut it, then Brown will go to the back court.

This is not a bad team. Too bad the schedule maker doesn't like them.

PITT

Led by Bill Knight, the finest all-around player in Pitt basketball history, the Panthers could attain their best mark in the past decade. The schedule is easy and there are 10 lettermen returning, including all five starters from a squad that was 12-14 a year ago, having lost four games by three points or less.

Knight is the type of player who can carry a team on his own. Last year, the 6-6½ senior forward averaged 23.7 points and 11.0 rebounds. He also led the Panthers in shooting percentage (.519) and assists (77). In two seasons, Knight has tallied 1,122 points and is now within striking distance of the all time school mark of 1,841 set by two-time All-American Don Hennon.

The other returning starters include 6-5 senior forward Mickey Martin (12.5), 6-4 junior guard, Kirk Bruce (7.0), 6-0 sophomore guard Tom Richards (5.4) and 6-10 senior center Lucius Keese (2.8).

Also battling the regulars for jobs will be part-time starters 6-5 sophomore Keith Starr (3.8), 6-8 Jim Bolla (3.8), 6-4 senior Sam Fleming (1.9) and 6-3 Ken Wagoner (1.3).

If Pitt is to better its record, coach Buzz Ridl feels improvement must come in three areas—outside shooting, rebounding and the fast break. Among the regulars, only Knight and Martin shot above 45 per cent from the field. The rebounding could be improved with the addition of 6-6 junior college transfer, Lewis Hill.

The Panthers recruited five frosh, none of whom figure to provide immediate help. They are Frank Boyd, Bob Haygood, Scott Nedrow, Scott Stephens and Wayne Talbott.

FARLEIGH-DICKINSON

Fairleigh Dickinson hopes to continue the momentum it gained laast season when the club won 11 of its last 17 games to finish 13-13.

Since only one starter is gone, and the club has been greatly strengthened by the addition of a couple of transfers, not even a stronger schedule should keep the Knights from a winning campaign.

Coach Al LoBalbo stresses a tight defense and FDU will hardly ever be out of a game. He also has some offensive firepower to go with the defense.

The club will probably be built around 6-1 junior guard Rich Conrad, who averaged 15.8 points a game. He personally accounted for four victories with last minute heroics, and was second on the club in rebounding.

The other returnees include Glenn Bolduc, a 6-6 senior, who finished third in scoring (12.0) and paced the Knights in rebounding (7.7); 6-3 senior Rich Scialabba, who hit at a 12.3 norm from his guard spot.

Also Howard Alexander, a 6-8 junior, who contributed 7.8 points, senior guard Mike Dyrek—FDU's top playmaker—and Paul Bechtleheimer, who broke into the starting lineup late in the year and was effective as a rebounder. Dave Pleskow, who missed part of the season, will also be back.

The addition of two transfers, John Machiaverna, a 6-5 forward from Jacksonville, and Pete Pelitis, a 6-4 forward from Duquesne, plus 6-8 Ed Solop, who missed the entire 1972-73 campaign, should really hypo the attack.

All in all, it looks like a promising campaign at FDU.

LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY

The return of four starters and a not too demanding schedule gives Long Island U. a shot at a NIT bid this season.

A year ago, coach Ron Smalls team battled some of the top clubs in the country and finished with a 13-12 mark, which is deceptive, considering that four of the losses were by two points and two others were dropped in overtime.

Returning to lead the Blackbirds is 6-6 junior center-forward Ruben Rodriguez, who averaged 17.6 points and 13.8 rebounds to lead the club in both categories.

Also returning is 6-5 senior forward Fred Gibson, the team's no. 2 scorer (15.3). A good outside shooter, Gibson should top the 1,000 career point mark early into the campaign.

In the back court are junior Louis Brignone and senior Tony Smith, both 5-11, who averaged 8.6 and 8.0 points a game, respectively, last season. Brignone, a fine floor general and ballhandler was the club leader in assists with 156 in 25 games.

Back after missing last season with a broken foot is 6-2 guard Jerry Hartz. He led the frosh two seasons ago, averaging 22 points a game. Also up from the frosh is Kevin Fallon, a 6-4 guard, who hit at a 30-point norm and scored 49 in one game to go along with 12 rebounds.

The top recruits are 6-3 guard John Burgos and 6-3 swingman Art Yates, both from the New York Metroplitan area.

NIAGARA

After recording a disappointing 9-16 mark last season, Niagara should bounce back and become a team to be reckoned with.

For the most part, coach Frank Layden relied on sophomores and freshmen and, while taking their knocks, the kids gain a lot of experience.

Returnees include 6-4 junior guard George Rautins, a Canadian, whose deadly jump shooting made him the team's second leading scorer last season (10.0) and 6-4 sophomore forward Andy Walker (9.6). Walker is destined to become one of the Eagles' all time great players.

Two others, now sophomores, Mike Hanley and Bruce Watson, both 6-8, give Niagara the makings of a powerful, strong front line. Hanley averaged 6.8 points and was second on the club in rebounding (5.9), while Watson hit for 5.1 points and collared 4.9 caroms a game.

The Purple Eagles' leading rebounder, 6-5 Cleve Royster (7.4 points and 6.9 rebounds), is also back and figures to get plenty of playing time, as does 6-8 junior Dave Tita (3.1).

Three incoming freshmen and a junior college transfer are likely to give the Eagles added strength.

The group includes guards Kevin Eudell and Chico Singleton, and swingman Roy Beekman. All were high school honorable mention All-American. The other newcomer is Jack Knowles, a transfer from Ulster Community College. He is being counted on to fill the position vacated by graduated "small" All-America Al Williams.

Layden is building Niagara into an Eastern powerhouse. With one more good recruiting year, the Purple Eagles should be challenging for post season honors.

RUTGERS

Nothing short of an invitation to the NIT will suit fickle Rutgers' fans so new coach Tom Young is certain to be under a great deal of pressure right from the start.

Dick Lloyd was forced into resigning midway through last season, after wards his team responded with a strong stretch drive to capture a post season bid. And it was a young team—three freshmen starters.

That's one reason there are six sophomore lettermen—led by 6-5 Phil Sellers and 6-5 Mike Dabney. Sellers scored 506 points (19.5) and led the team in rebounds. The former high school All-American and MVP in the 1972 Dapper Dan Game established himself as one of the top frosh in the nation. Yet, despite his outstanding stats, Sellers should get even better, especially in the shooting phase of his game, where he hit only 39.5 per cent from the floor.

Dabney hit at a 12.3 clip, playing well defensively and was a key to the Scarlets' fast break.

The key to the success of the club won't be known until school starts. That's when it will be decided if 6-10 Les Cason becomes eligible. If he makes it, Rutgers could be transformed into a potent club. Cason would more than fill the gap at center created by the graduation loss of Gene Armstead. The other possibilities are Mike Palko and Bruce Scherer, both 6-8.

Ron Williams, Jeff Kleinbaum and Mike McDonald are the leading candidates for the guard jobs. Williams started most of the season a year ago, averaging 4.3 points, while Kleinbaum, who also played some forward, was used mainly in a reserve role. MacDonald averaged 30 points with the JVs.

Rounding out the squad are 6-4 Tony DiPaolo, and 6-5 Vinnie Roundtree, along with frosh Mark Conlin.

SETON HALL

It's been a decade since Seton Hall has been able to record a winning season. The wait, at last, may be over. Coach Bill Raftery has all five starters back plus his top reserves.

Raftery is lucky to have one of the top playmaking guards in the country in 6-1 sophomore Paul Lape. Last season he handed out better than seven assists a game and established a new collegiate mark at Madison Square Garden with 17 against St. Peter's.

Joining Lape in the back court will be 6-1 senior Bill Terry, who came on strongly and averaged 10.7.

Chris Rzonca, a 6-9 junior, returns at center. He hit for 9.9 points and grabbed 6.8 rebounds, but spent a great deal of time in foul trouble. His improvement over the course of the season was staggering.

Up front the Pirates will have 6-7 junior John Ramsay, the leading scorer (15.1). Ramsay was also second on the club in rebounding with 7.6 caroms and is the most consistent outside shooter. He'll be joined by 6-5 junior Ray Clark, the leading rebounder (7.7), who hit for 6.8 points a game.

The reserve strength will come from 6-6 junior Pete LaCorte (6.2), senior back court starter of two seasons ago, Frank Zelesnik, Frank Foye, Willie McFarland, Mike Buescher, and Don Stukenbroeker.

One thing in the Pirates' favor are 13 home games, plus three additional in Madison Square Garden. Those three are against some of the top clubs in the nation—San Francisco, Southern California and South Carolina.

COLGATE

Head coach Bill Vesp enters his second year at Colgate optimistic of improving on the 11-14 mark of last season.

Even though three starters are back, it must be considered a rebuilding season due to the loss of the top two scorers, Ken Carlson and Jack Mackay.

The back court sees the return of senior co-captain Larry Harris, a 6-1 sharpshooter, who averaged 12.6 points. He will be the key in the Colgate offense.

Jamie Russell, a 6-7, junior returns at center, and should improve on his stats of 8.6 points and 6.3 rebounds. He'll be joined up front by Jim Piebes, a 6-5 junior, who averaged eight points a game after becoming eligible midway through the campaign.

Co-captain, 6-5 Bob Tyburski (5.5) figures to move into the vacant forward spot after serving in both a starting and top reserve role a year ago. The remaining post should go to either 6-1 junior Roger Banks (3.7) or 6-1 junior Bob Williams (1.1).

Vesp may also wind up using several of his prized sophomores, including Jim Mitchell, Pete Good, Bill O'Brien, and Bob White. The five were the mainstays of a freshman team which was 8-7.

Mitchell, a 6-3 forward averaged 16.7 points, while making 53.1 per cent of his field goal attempts, while Good, a 6-4 forward hit for 13.2 points and grabbed 10.4 rebounds. O'Brien, Adams and White are guards and averaged 12, 10.2 and 8.1, respectively.

WEST VIRGINIA

Playing with a starting five of two freshmen and three sophomores last season, West Virginia posted a 10-15 mark. Add the fact that nine other players are back plus an outstanding junior college recruit and there are possibilities for the Mountaineers to return to the salad days of old.

Leading the Mountaineers will be 6-7 sophomore Warren Baker. As a freshman, "Wonderful Warren" led the team with a 16.6 scoring average and an 11.1 per game rebound norm. He paced the club offensively 12 times and was high rebounder 17 times. Swingman, Jerome Anderson, a 6-5 junior, was the second leading scorer (12.1) and led the Mountaineers in assists. He'll play guard this season.

The other two junior starters are 6-8 center Larry Carr (11.1 points) and 6-6 Scott MacDonald (9.2).

Dave McCardle, a 6-0 guard, was a regular as a freshman last year, averaging 4.7. He'll have trouble holding onto the job because of the presence of 6-3 Juco transfer Eartha Faust, who hit for 18.4 points for powerful Vincennes (Ind.).

Also returning are 6-4 swingman Mark Catlett, 6-2 guard Harold Black, 6-3 guard Rick Coles, 6-0 guard John Vodovich, 6-9 center Bob Hornstein, 6-1 guard Chris Sprenger and 6-7 forward Mike Carson (who didn't see any varsity action last year). Also there are untried players, 6-10 sophomore center Sam Kilburn, 6-6 freshman forward Ron Weaver and two 6-8 freshmen centers, Robert Sims and Jim Schneider.

Coach Sonny Moran's club will also have to show some improvement on the road. Last year, the Mountaineers won only two games outside the friendly confines of the State.

NAVY

Navy coach Dave Smalley probably has his best squad since he succeeded Ben Carnevale in 1966. From last winter's 13-12 mark, which was the Middies first winning record in 11 years, Smalley has seven of nine lettermen returning including four of his five starters.

The Midshipmen will also boast a deeper and more consistent bench than at any time in recent years. In Smalley's opinion, two items—a better team shooting percentage and consistent offensive play—hold the key to an outstanding season.

Heading up the returnees is 6-7 Bob Burns, who averaged 12.2 points to lead all scorers and also topped the club in rebounds with 184. Forward Bob Marshburn, a 6-3 senior and 6-2 junior guard, Mickey Hampton, also hit in double figures (11.0) as did 6-4 senior forward Gary Carter (10.0).

In Hampton, the Middies also have one of the best passing guards in the East. A year ago, he handed off 120 assists and also led the regulars in field goal percentage (50.2%).

The open spot in the lineup will most likely be filled by either 6-3 junior Bill Montgomery (8.3) or Jay Strosnider, the standout of the Plebe club. Another possibility is 6-3 senior Dave Stone (4.2).

Another thing in the Middies' favor is an easy schedule. Imagine the glee of playing the likes of Lycoming, the Merchant Marine Academy, and Johns Hopkins. And then, if Smalley can only beat Army in the season's finale.

ARMY

Dan Dougherty, entering his third year as head coach at West Point, could well be facing his stiffest challenge yet and another losing season is a distinct possibility.

The foundation for the coming season will be built around the return of three lettermen, four varsity holdovers who did not earn letters and half a dozen newcomers up from an 8-9 freshman squad.

Forwards Dave and Ed Dlugolenski, twin 6-4 seniors, and 6-7 sophomore Greg Fountain provide the Cadets with lots of game experience. Ed, who was cut from the squad his first two seasons at the Point, averaged 6.3 points, but made only .377 of his field goal attempts. He was also second in rebounding and led the squad by fouling out of seven games. Dave came on well during the second half of last season, hitting at a 3.6 norm. Fountain, starting as a freshmen, averaged 5.8 points and was third in rebounding.

There should be satisfactory depth along the front line, too, with the return of 6-7 Ned Bumgarner and 6-5 junior Dave Thomas, who averaged 2.3 and 2.1 points, respectively. John Foy, Marty Wisda and Dan Keefe are up from the Plebes, but none figure to provide much help.

In the back court, Dougherty's main concern will be finding someone to replace All-East guard, Bob Sherwin, who finished as the fourth leading scorer in Army history, averaging 19.0 points a game last season.

Pete Jackson, a 6-1 senior, who did not letter last season, will captain the squad and should be a starter at one guard spot. Tim Kish, another non-letterman will battle sophs Tom Valerio, Bill Walsh and Howard Murray for a job. Valerio led the Plebes in point production with a 17.4 average, while Murray was second at 11.7.

ST. PETER'S

With nine lettermen returning supplemented by three junior college transfers and three freshmen, things look a little brighter at St. Peter's this season.

Coach Bernie Ockene suffered long nights a year ago when the Peacocks were 8-18. The team allowed 91.9 points a game with opponents going over the 100-point mark nine different times.

"I think we'll be improved but how much will depend on our new players," said Ockene. "We have a pretty good nucleus to work from, though."

The Peacocks are set at center where 6-10, 240-pound junior Juan Jiminez returns. He led the club in scoring (15.2) and rebounding (11.7) and might have been even more effective had he been in shape. If Jimminez wants to, he could become a dominating college player.

Stan Klos, a 6-7 sophomore (7.9) has the inside track at one of the forward spots. The three juco transfers, 6-8 Frank Alston, 6-5 Robert Geter and 6-4 Ben Perrin, along with holdovers, 6-4 Cornelius Barker (1.8) and 6-4 Albio Sires (5.1) are other candidates.

Tom Wise, a 5-11 sophomore, played well in spots a year ago, averaging 9.6 points. However, his shooting (.391) and ball handling needs to improve greatly. Still, he needs to be in the lineup.

John Sarto and Walter Burch, both reserves last season will battle freshmen Benny Allen, Steve Richardson and Ken Slappy for the other spot. Allen has impressive credentials—a 41.6 point per game average at New Prep last season.

ST. BONAVENTURE

St. Bonaventure's new coach Jim Satalin has four returning starters and has hopes of improving the Bonnies' disappointing mark of 13-13 recorded of a year ago.

One of the youngest coaches in the nation (25), Satalin, who played for St. Bonaventure in the late 60s, takes over for Larry Weise, who had a 20-90 mark in 12 seasons.

Heading up the returnees is 6-9 senior center Glenn Price, who led the team in rebounding and scoring for the second consecutive year. An All-East performer, Price averaged 21.5 points and 11.3 rebounds last year to go with 20.8 points and 10.6 rebounds as a sophomore. He already ranks 10th on the Bonnies all time scoring list with a full season to go. And most impressive is Price's 57 per cent career field goal shooting mark.

Bill Moore, a strong, muscular 6-4 junior returns at forward. A year ago, he averaged 7.9 points and 6.3 rebounds, the latter third highest on the club. However, Moore made only 37 per cent of his field goal attempts.

The remaining forward job is up for grabs with Essie Hollis, a 6-6 freshman likely to win out over 6-7 sophomore Bob Rozyczko (2.6), 6-6 senior Wally Shafer, 6-3 junior Mike O'Grady, 6-3 sophomore Pat Oliveto, and 6-5 Tom Harrison.

The back court is well set with returnees 5-10 junior Steve Hocker and 6-0 sophomore Tim Flanagan.

Hocker was a season long starter, averaging 8.0 points per contest. He ran the team and lead the fast break. Flanagan averaged 6.0 points a game and was used as both a starter and top reserve.

Other guard candidates included 6-2 senior Rich Murray, 6-0 senior Bill Jenkins, 5-6 junior Howie Harrison, 6-1 sophomore Greg Gregory and 6-2 freshman Jim Baron.

FORDHAM

In only a few short years, things have really changed at Fordham. Not too long ago when Digger Phelps was the coach, the students and alums were jamming Madison Square Garden to watch the "Cinderella" Rams.

There was talk that Fordham would revive college basketball in the New York area and the schedule was toughened. The team slipped to 12-16 last year and one now gets the impression that Fordham doesn't care about its program. One surefire indication is the fact that the school must be the only major institution in the country without a regular SID—and in New York of all places.

Coach Hal Wissel has a good starting five, but there is scant reserve help, unless it comes from the incoming freshmen.

The likely starters are 6-7 sophomore Bob Wymbs and 6-7 Kevin Collins at the forwards, 6-8 junior Darryl Brown at center and 6-3 senior Frank Heyward and 6-0 junior Kevin Moriarty at the guards. No stats are available—remember no SID!

Not much else can be said other than the fact that the three incoming freshmen are 6-8 John O'Neil, 6-7 Paul Smith and 6-3 Stan Frankowski.

The Rams proudly proclaim that this is their 71st year of intercollegiate basketball. Judging by what is happening they may be following the path of another New York City school. Remember NYU?

GEORGETOWN

Look out for Georgetown, the budding power of Eastern basketball. Coach John Thompson went primarily with freshmen a year ago and they rewarded the rookie mentor with a 12-14 record.

Now, the players are a year more mature and sophomore 6-9 center Merlin Wilson could develop into a dominating force, especially on defense.

Wilson set a new Hoya single season rebounding mark last year (14.1) to go with 12.7 points. He was also second on the club in assists.

Both starting forwards return—6-6 Greg Brooks and 6-4 Mark Gallagher. Brooks, who resembles an NFL tight end, averaged 6.8 points and better than six rebounds a game, while Gallagher hit for 8.0 points a game, but made only 38 per cent of his field goal attempts.

The Hoya back court is intact, too with the return of 6-0 Johnathan Smith, and 5-8 Timmy Lambour. Smith led the club in scoring with a 13.0 average, while Lambour was tops in assists (145) and steals.

Part-time starters last year, 6-9 Billy Lynn and 6-1 Mike Stokes provide excellent bench strength. Stokes averaged 9.0 points a game, starting frequently against teams that used zones.

All in all, Thompson has 14 lettermen back. The Hoyas can go above the .500 mark and really have an outside shot at winning 20 games. It would be a remarkable feat. Two seasons ago, the Hoyas were 3.23.

BUFFALO

Buffalo will sport a new look this season. The Bills have a rookie coach Leo Richardson, who will be hard pressed to improve on last season's 16-8 mark.

Six lettermen return, but only one starter—6-3 Horace Brawley (15.8).

The plan is to mix varsity-matured players, used mainly as reserves a year ago, with some junior college transfers.

Teaming with Brawley at forward will be Bob Dickinson (4.4). The guards figure to be Ken Pope (2.9) and Rayfield Goss (2.0).

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TULSA

Last season was a Cinderella year except that midnight came too quickly for Tulsa. Picked near the bottom in most pre-season polls, the Hurricanes got off to a hot start with a 5-0 mark and kept pace with eventual champ and NCAA runner-up Memphis State until the end, finally losing the No. 2 spot to Louisville in the next to last game of the year.

Four starters will be back for coach Ken Hayes' club, including Willie Biles, the Missouri Valley Conference's leading scorer. Biles, a 6-3 senior, came out of nowhere a year ago and finished with a 30.3 average. It marked the first time since Oscar Robertson played at Cincinnati that a player hit the 30-point barrier in the league. The mark was good enough to finish third in the nation. Biles scored 788 points overall and had a single game high of 48 against Wichita.

Biles will be joined in the back court by two players who alternated at the spot a year ago. Tim Carson, a 5-10 junior, hit at a 6.6 norm. He is a playmaker deluxe and gives the Hurricanes an outside threat. Dobbins, a 5-11 junior hit for 3.3 a game.

More depth is available from sophomores 6-3 Bennie Darter, 6-3 Artie McIlroy and 6-0 Jim Edelen.

Two year rebounding leader Joe Voskuhl is gone but the front line should be better. Returning are all-MVC center 6-8½ Sammy High and starting forward 6-6½ Allen Blackmon. High averaged 18 points and nearly 10 rebounds a game, while Blackmon, hit for 10.1 points.

Bolstering the front line are two 6-8 junior college transfers—Clark Jones and Ken "Grasshopper" Smith. Bob Okrzesik, a 6-5 sophomore, who saw extensive action as a reserve, should see plenty of playing time, too.

Tulsa should be a contender for the MVC crown.

BRADLEY

Bradley's problem remains the same as a year ago—the lack of a good, big man in the post. Last season, the Braves were 12-14 overall and 4-10 in the Missouri Valley Conference. Another of the problems was the inability to win on the road. Bradley won only one of 11 contests outside of the confines of its friendly arena.

The top seven scorers are all back with the likely starters Seymour Reed, a 6-6 senior, and Mark Dohner, a 6-9 junior, at the forwards, Greg Smith, a 6-5 sophomore at center and Dave Klobucher, a 6-1 senior and either Jim Caruthers, a 6-0 sophomore or Doug Shank, a 6-1 senior at the guards.

"We have plenty of depth at forward and guard, good speed, ball handling and shooting and an excellent defense," said coach Joe Sowell. "I think we have the potential to make a strong run at the title."

Reed led Bradley in both scoring and rebounding a year ago (15.1 points and 9.2 rebounds) and is a candidate for All-American honors.

Caruthers averaged 14.6 as a freshman; Harrell hit at a 9.0 norm, Kloburcher 8.9, Dohner 8.6 and Shank 7.6 The other top point producer was 6-3 senior forward Mike Harrell (9.0), while hitting .520 per cent from the floor.

The remainder of the squad wll be developed from Henry Thomas, a 5-6 senior letterman, 6-5 Tim Althoff, 6-8 Tony Calanca, 6-1 John Carroll, 6-1 Roger Coulter, 6-3 Randy Hamilton, 5-10 Tom Les, 6-6 Ed Miksis, 6-1 Doug Pomatto and 6-8 Paul Zander from the JV team, and freshman 6-6 Larry Bentley. Althoff averaged 22.9 points a game for the JVs.

Bradley should finish in the top three or four teams in the MVC.

MEMPHIS STATE

Any team which loses three excellent players like Larry Kenon, Larry Finch and Ronnie Robinson should be reeling and looking toward a rebuilding season.

NCAA runner-up Memphis State suffered the losses, but, believe it or not, the Tigers have enough talent left to be a vital factor in the Missouri Valley Conference race. They may not win it, but the guess is the club will be in the first division.

The team starts the season untested, but there's plenty of raw talent. Up front, the likely starters are 6-7 senior Billy Buford, 6-8 senior Wes Westfall and 6-10 sophomore John Washington, with the latter playing a vital role in whatever success the Tigers achieve.

Buford, spent most of last season as the sixth man. He averaged 5.6 points, shooting .493 from the floor. Westfall, who was out of position at wing a year ago, will move to his familiar post spot. He averaged 5.8 points and 5.3 rebounds. Washington hit for 12.6 points and collected 13.9 rebounds for the junior varsity. He improved fantastically as the season progressed.

Backup help will come up front from 6-6 senior Ken Andrews (4.5), 6-6 sophomore Clarence Jones (2.5), 6-6 junior Larry Trosper (0.7), 6-7 sophomore Ed Wilson, who averaged 17.6 points and 18.4 rebounds for the Jayvees.

Bill Cook, a 6-5 guard with unlimited potential, and Bill Laurie, a 5-10 senior, will get first shot at the starting guard jobs, but it should not be too long before 6-3 freshman superstar Dexter Reed moves in. Cook is probably the best pure shooting guard to ever attend Memphis State. Laurie is the playmaker.

Memphis State will be tough and it will still be a monumental task to beat the Tigers at home.

NEW MEXICO STATE

Last year, New Mexico State entered the Missouri Valley Conference for the first time and was the pre-season favorite to win it all. The year was a nightmare to say the least. Coach Lou Henson's club wound up 12-14 overall and 6-8 in the conference.

The big season was somewhat overshadowed by the excellent stretch run of the Amazin' Aggies. After playing NCAA runner-up Memphis State down to the wire before dropping a one point decision, NMSU won its final four conference games.

Eight lettermen are back, including three starts, but the team lost 43 per cent of its scoring output when Truman Ward graduated and John Williamson applied for the hardship pro draft.

Much of the Aggies success will depend on the play of 7-0 center Roland "Tree" Grant, who finally appears to be ready to reach the stardom predicted for the past three years. Grant averaged 7.7 points a year ago. He'll be joined up front by 6-8 junior Jim Bostic (8.9 points and 8.6 rebounds) and 6-7 senior Hal Robinson (8.9 points and 7.2 rebounds).

Steve White, a 6-2 junior (5.8) is a holdover at guard, but the Aggies pick up two prospects who could be dynamite. They are George Pannell, a 6-3 junior college All-American and 6-3 freshman, Richard Robinson, one of the premier prep stars in New Mexico last season.

Help up front will come from Alan Graham (2.2), Bill Allen (4.4) and Russell Letz (0.7). Back court reserves are John DiBiase (4.9 and Scott Wynn (4.0).

This could be a darkhorse in the Valley.

DRAKE

Drake coach Howard Stacey will need to solve two critical areas if the Bulldogs are going to move up in the Missouri Valley Conference standing and better last year's mark of 14-12 overall (59 in league play).

First of all, he'll have to find about four capable guards and then he'll have to get himself a center who can hold his own against the giants in the conference.

Almost certain to start at one of the back court spots is 6-3 junior Ron Caldwell, who averaged 6.2 points a game. The figure is deceiving because Caldwell made 60 per cent of his field goal attempts. He was second on the club in assists.

The other spot will be battled for among Norton Fleming, a 6-3 junior college transfer; freshman Huey Smith, who averaged 35 points a game as a senior and (the second semester) Shannon Kennedy, a transfer from Memphis State. For reserve strength, there are sophomores Terry Benka, Fred Simmons and Robert Jacobsen and freshman Napoleon Gaither.

Larry Seger (8.1) and Larry Haralson (5.1) shared the center duties last season and, although both return, they're likely to be shifted to the forward spots. Paul Mellen a 6-10 sophomore will be given first crack at the job with JC transfer Tony Norwood, 6-9, a threat. Another possibility is 6-10 junior Andy Graham.

The wings are a question, too, but at least there is a lot of talent around from which to choose. Two year letterman Craig Davis, averaged 9.6 points, to lead the returnees. Then there is Haralson, who is 6-9, along with 6-6 Buzz Thomas (1.0), and 6-6 Mark Godfrey (2.4), lettermen all. Newcomers Terry McKissick, a 6-5 junior college transfer, and 6-9 freshman Ken Harris will also make strong bids.

This is a club which is still one year away from offering a stiff challenge for the Missouri Valley Conference title.

ST. LOUIS

There's no way that St. Louis is going to be able to match its outstanding 19-7 record of last season (10-4 in the Missouri Valley Conference). Graduation stripped the Billikens of four starters, including All-MVC standout Harry Rogers, who averaged 24.5 points and 9.1 rebounds a game.

Coach Bob Polk faces a massive rebuilding job with only 6-10 junior Robin Jones returning with much starting experience. Jones averaged 7.4 points and 8.7 rebounds as the center, but made only .403 per cent of his field goal attempts.

Bill Morris, a 6-8, 225-pound junior, could provide the Billikens with their offensive firepower. He transferred to St. Louis from Illinois, where he was a standout performer.

Other candidates for jobs up front include 6-4 junior Steve Craig (2.0), 6-6 Eric Jones (2.8), 6-5 sophomore Lewis McKinney (14.2 with the JVs), and

6-6 junior Steve Walsh (3.3) along with freshmen 6-5 John Stewart and 6-9 Marshall Hill.

Charlie Ries, a 6-3 senior, has the most experience of any of the returning guards. He averaged 4.0 points in a reserve role. There are a number of candidates for back court jobs, but one almost certainly has to go to 6-3 freshman Leartha Scott, one of the top schoolboys in the country last season. Scott, a great leaper, can also play forward.

Other possibilities are 6-3 James Brown (3.6), 5-9 Mike Faddis, 6-1 Jim Hackmann, 6-2 Tom Schwarg and freshmen 6-3 Pierre Blaine, 6-0 Johnny Furr, 5-11 Bill Moulder and 6-3 Mike Newbold.

St. Louis will stumble this season and wind up in the second division of the MVC.

NORTH TEXAS STATE

With the return of four starters and the addition of a transfer to fill the vacated guard position, North Texas State should be a much improved team this season. A year ago, the Eagles were 9-16 overall and 4-10 in the Missouri Valley Conference.

The front line is excellent with Stan Blackmon, Bob Iverson and John Moody combining for 44.8 points a game. Moody, a 6-6 senior, averaged a team leading 16.4 points and averaged 5.4 rebounds; Iverson, a 6-6 junior hit for 15.3 points and 5.7 caroms, hitting .514 per cent of his shots from the floor; and Blackmon, a 6-7½ senior tossed in 13.1 points and grabbed a club leading 9.2 rebounds.

"We lack the giant inside," said coach Gene Robbins. "It's tough for Blackmon to go up against the big guys. Hopefully Bob Johnson (a 6-8 sophomore) will develop and that will allow me to move Blackmon to forward and Iverson to guard where he played somewhat as a sophomore."

The Eagles will need some help in the back court, at least the first part of the year. Tony Wright, a 6-2 junior, who hit at an 8.7 norm, is a steady performer.

At mid-semester, Carl Jones, a 6-1 transfer from Tarleton State, joins the club and he'll provide a big lift. Until then, other guard possibilities are sophomores 6-0 Earl King and 6-3 Randy Felhaber, along with 6-2 freshman Larry Spruiell, one of the top prep players in Texas a year ago.

North Texas State will also benefit greatly from two things. First of all, the club moves into a spacious new arena, which replaces the infamous "Pit" and second the overall schedule is much easier. A year ago, the Mean Green played 11 of their first 14 games on the road.

Rounding out the squad are 6-7 sophomore Kevin Angotti, 6-3 junior Glenn Buntin, 6-7 sophomore Tim Rybczynski and freshmen 6-8 Darnell Irby, 6-3½ Dwight Mitchell, 6-2½ Palmo Simmons and 6-8 Phillip Sewell.

WEST TEXAS STATE

New coach Ron Ekker, who built winning teams at Winona State (Minn.) and Hillsdale (Mich.) takes on the task of rebuilding the basketball program at West Texas State.

He takes over a club which was 9-17 overall and 2-12 in the Missouri Valley Conference.

He'll use a pressing defense and a controlled offense and has recruited three junior college players to go with six returning lettermen.

Among the holdover are two of the top three scorers. Tommy Jordan, a 6-5 senior, topped the Buffaloes a year ago with 18.5 points a game. He made .501 per cent of his field goal attempts and was tied for the club lead in assists. Reginald Ramey, a 6-8 sophomore center, averaged 16.5 points and 10.5 rebounds. The third spot is likely to be filled by 6-6 junior college transfer Dana Albright. He'll have to hold off Hector Rodriguez, a 6-7 senior, who hit at a 7.7 norm (7.5 reoubnds) as a part time starter a year ago.

West Texas State's back court was wiped out by graduation, so Ekker hopes that a pair of Juco standouts can step right in. The duo are 6-3 sophomore Victor King and also a 6-7 senior named Howard Taylor. Other possibilities include letterman 6-1 senior Jay Benn (1.9), junior varsity lettermen 6-1 Tony Airhart, 6-2 Bryan Kendrick, 5-10 Bobby Anderson, 5-11 Mark Nixon and freshmen 6-1 Mark Mayberry, and 6-3½ Bob Miller.

Up front 6-6 junior Robbie Graham, 6-8 junior Gary Francis—lettermen—JV 6-6 Mark Wible and freshmen 6-5½ Dick Torpey, 6-6 Darnell Williams and 6-6 Bruce Taylor will provide backup help.

Ekker will find out that competition is a little tougher in the MVC than it was at Winona and Hillsdale.

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MOREHEAD STATE

Morehead State basketball coach Bill Harrell is hopeful that the addition of four big men will make his Eagles a stronger contender in the Ohio Valley Conference this season.

MSU tied for the OVC championship two years ago, but slipped to second place (9-5) and 14-11 overall as injuries exposed a lack of depth on the front line.

Returning are three senior All-OVC performers, 6-5 senior forward Leonard Coulter (21.3 points and 11.5 rebounds), 6-5 senior forward Eugene Lyons (16.9 points and 6.2 rebounds) and 6-2 senior guard Howard Wallen (15.2) with a club leading 119 assists.

Also back is the top reserve, 6-5 junior Arch Johnson (8.0), along with 6-3 sophomore Glenn Turner, who returns after sitting out a year.

Harrell recruited two junior college products and two freshmen in his search for size. The juco recruits are 6-9 Charles Frazier of Morris County College (N.J.) and 6-8 George Williams of Loran County Community College (Ohio). The frosh are 6-9 Ron Frederick and 6-8 Ted Hundley, two first team All-Staters. Other returnees from last season are 6-3 senior Lowell Ashby (2.7), 6-5 junior Gene Frye (1.3), 6-1 junior Jim Washington (1.7) and 6-8 sophomore Terry Hay (1.5).

If one of the recruits can come through in the middle, Morehead State could mount a challenge to favorite Austin-Peay in the battle for the OVC championship.

WESTERN KENTUCKY

Western Kentucky will be bigger, deeper and more experienced, but it remains to be seen if that will be enough to keep up with an overall rise in talent in the Ohio Valley Conference.

The Hilltoppers ended the season with a rush a year ago, winning six of their final eight games, including a triumph at Austin-Peay. Three starters are back from that squad and coach Jim Richards has recruited some topflight freshmen and junior college transfers.

Gone from the 10-16 club (6-8 in the OVC) are 6-6 Granville Bunton, who led the OVC in rebounding, two year regular Chuck Witt and reserve guard Ray Kleykamp.

Leading returnees are 6-1 guard Tony Stroud (13.0), 6-2 wingman Johnny Britt (12.0) and 6-8 Ray Bowerman (9.0), all starters most of the 1972-73 campaign. Also back are Kent Allison, who missed well over half the season with knee surgery, 6-4 Mike Larson, 6-1 Chuck Rawlings, 6-7 Jerry Bundy, 6-5 Bobby Caylor and 6-2 Ed Gampfer.

Western is bolstered by the addition of three freshmen and six junior college transfers. The fresh-6-4 guard Bill Scillian, 6-6 forward Dennis Benningfield and 6-5 forward Gary Elliott—will be hard pressed to break into the lineup.

However, the six JC transfers could be capable of making their presence felt, especially Mike Odumns, a 6-5 235-pounder, who averaged 28 points, and 5-10 Dave Ramey, a first rate playmaking guard. Others include 6-8 Ed Schumacher, 6-8 Mike Fuller, 5-10 Calvin Wade and 7-0 Chester Thornton.

Western Kentucky has to rate as a "sleeper" in the race.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE

Middle Tennessee State basketball fortunes appear to be in the best shape ever for the upcoming season. However, the Raiders have never been a consistent powerhouse, so anything resembling a run at the OVC title would constitute a major breakthrough.

Yet, with all the starters returning from last season, plus the addition of a highly touted freshman, and a junior college All-American, Middle Tennessee State could be a surprise.

At the end of last season, MTSU, which finished 12-13, had a freshman, a sophomore and three juniors on the floor when they toppled eventual conference champ Austin Peay.

"We will have good depth, probably eight or nine people who will play considerably, and experience which we just didn't have last year," said coach Jimmy Earle.

Returnees Jimmy Powell (17.7), Steve Peeler (13.4), Jimmy Martin (8.1), Forest Toms (7.7) and Tim Sisneros (7.3) all figure to be in the running for starting positions along with ballhandling and defensive whiz Mason Bonner. But the word is that room will have to be found for freshman back court standout Ralph Menar and junior college forward transfer George Sorrell. Powell had an outstanding campaign, hitting an incredible .588 per cent of his field goal attempts. He was also the top rebounder with 6.8 per game.

Others who will get lots of attention will be sophomore Dave Bormann and red shirt Donnie Hamilton.

EASTERN KENTUCKY

First year coach Bob Mulcahy inherits a team that finished 12-13 overall and 7-7 in the Ohio Valley Conference last year.

Two starters, 6-5 senior forward and co-captain Robert Brooks and 6-4 sophomore guard Carl Brown, return to lead the Colonels. Brooks scored 12.4 points per contest while Brown averaged 10.6 points and totaled 83 assists.

Other lettermen returning include co-captain Rick Stansel (3.8), Bob Watkins (4.1), Kevin Kok (2.7), Ron Smith (2.9) and Craig Turner (0.9).

Also becoming eligible are 6-9 red shirt Howard Brown and 6-6 transfer G.W. Newsom. Brown figures to be the starting center, joining Stansel and Brooks up front.

Four members of the 1972-73 freshman team will be moving up to the varsity. They are Jimmy Segar, a 6-3 guard (likely starter), who led the baby Colonels in scoring with a 21.4 average. Bill Gaines, a 6-8 center was close behind with his 20.8 mark.

Denny Barbour, a 6-0 guard, averaged 16 points per contest and led the EKU frosh in assists with 80. Dave Routt, a 6-6 Jumping Jack forward scored at a 13.1 clip and pulled down 13.5 rebounds per game.

Mulcahy's top recruit was 6-9 center Steve Banks, who averaged 24.5 points as a high school senior. He'll be joined by 6-3 Don Morris, 6-4 Mike Oyer and 6-3 Larry Blackford.

TENNESSEE TECH

Although the loss of three all-conference starters will hurt, Tenneessee Tech's basketball program should be in good shape for the 1973-74 season with eight returning lettermen and several promising recruits.

Returning from last season's 14-11 squad are four regulars who saw frequent starting duty: 6-0 point guard Jim Clemens (9.3) 6-7 pivotman Howard Miller (4.5 points and 5.0 rebounds), 6-7 forward Geoff Shuck (12.8 points and 6.5 rebounds) and 6-8 center Harold Johnson (5.3 points and 9.1 rebounds).

Talented reserves off last seasons' team who will push for starting roles are 6-2 guard Frank Jones, 6-4 Mark Bray, 6-6 forward Stan Cox, and 6-6 center Randy Hehlon. Up from the junior varsity are 6-7 forward Alton Noard, 6-2 guard Rich Shuck and 6-5 forward Tom Schmidt.

"There is no doubt we'll miss our three All-OVC players," said Tennessee Tech head coach Connie Inman in reference to Wayne Pack, Rich Stone and Al Lewis, who took turns alternating as leading scorers over the past three seasons. "However, we have five talents returning and some good freshman prospects coming in."

The best of the newcomers is 6-5 swingman Clarence Brown, an All-State prep performer from Indiana.

Tech finished in a fourth place tie with Eastern Kentucky last year with a 7-7 OVC slate. And that's about where there'll be this year, too.

EAST TENNESSEE STATE

The prospects for East Tennessee State has to be considered as encouraging, based on the fact that there are six returning veterans plus four proven junior college transfers.

The real key to success for new coach 26-year-old Leroy Fisher's cagers will depend upon how well the newcomers are able to blend into what is already on hand.

Veteran guard Henry White, who was the Buccaneers' leading scorer last season with 208 points in 11 games for a 19.1 average, should be ready for a banner year. The 6-2 senior injured a knee early in January and missed the rest of the schedule.

Ron Mitchell, a 6-7 senior, came on strong after White was injured and took over the leadership reins. He would up with a 15 point average and was the top rebounder (9.1).

Another vet is 6-6 Jerry Wilkerson. He was a starter most of the year, averaging 10.2 points and 7.5 rebounds.

Others returning from the 9-17 squad (2-12 in the OVC) include Nat Major (2.7), Horace Mingo (6.1) and Rich Halbrook (3.8).

Best of the junior college transfers is 6-4 guard Kenny Reynolds, who was the leading scorer in the state of Florida last season (26.0). Others include 5-11 guard Bruce Curtis, 6-8 center Elmo Seay and 6-4 forward Morris Tampa.

Four freshmen have also have signed: 6-8 Bob Brown, 6-8 Ron Richardson, 6-3 Charlie Stuart and 6-1 Ralph Kiser.

"We feel we will have good speed and better shooting," said Fisher "Certainly now we should be able to hold our own on the boards."

Rodney Hunn (11.0), 6-9 center Mike Stevens (10 points and a team high of 211 rebounds) and 6-7 cornerman Ronnie Fair.

Redshirts Pete Miller, Ray Hill, Mike Fair and Felice Gordon could make breakthroughs. Miller is a transfer from Idaho while Hill was the second leading scorer on the frosh two years ago. Fair sat out 1972-73 after dominating Bakersfield College basketball for two years.

Guevara has the San Jose State program on the upswing. They will be a spoiler type of team.

LOS ANGELES STATE

Now that super sophomore scoring machine Ray "All Universe" Lewis has skipped out of school to sign with the Philadelphia '76ers of the National Basketball Association, things can return to normal at Los Angeles State.

Coach Bob Miller can call on Adrian Chivers, whose average will probably pick up now that Lewis is gone from the back court.

Up front Los Angeles State still has Darcy Bailey and Billy Mallory.

It's certainly not a team that will contend for the title.

FRESNO STATE

Fresno State apparently will remain among those who will battle for the rights to the cellar of the Pacific Coast Athletic Association.

Wayne Kemp and Bernie Williams will be counted on to carry much of the scoring load for the Battlin' Bulldogs, who have shown recently that they're more like Purrin' Pussycats.

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6-8 junior forward, who was forced to play center, a year ago, is also back, along with 6-2 sophomore guard Andy Oliveria. Meyer averaged 8.5 points and 7.7 rebounds, while Oliveira hit for 6.1 per game.

Meyer will probably hold down the low post spot with Mike Fink, a 6-10 senior at the high post, Errecart and 6-5 junior Gary Dean at the wings and 5-11 sophomore Leonard Armato at the point.

Fink was a part time starter in 1972-73 scoring at a 6.4 norm while Dean tossed in 6.3 points a game. Armato was redshirted last season after transferring from USC.

Reserve help will come from 6-6 senior forward Mike Tarabanovic, 6-5 junior college transfer Ron "Blue" James, redshirt sophomore 6-11 Tim Halemeier and freshmen 6-5 Myron Jordan and 6-5 Vic Baker.

This is a team which could challenge for the PCAA title.

SAN DIEGO STATE

San Diego State could be in the thick of the battle for the PCAA championship if coach Dale Davis can get his two senior guards to regain their scoring touch. However, the real key is the play of 6-7 Steve Copp, who has the potential to be one of the finest players in the country.

Copp, who was only a freshman last season, made second team All-PCAA. He averaged 13.7 points and 8.1 rebounds in the conference and 10.4 points and 6.7 rebounds overall, but made only .410 percent of his field goal attempts.

The two guards who disappointed a year ago were 6-0 Brad McNamara and Dan Teague, who had averaged 28.2 points and 25.0 points, respectively their final season in Juco play. McNamara averaged 9.5 points (.410 from the field) while Teague hit at a 3.3 norm. He shot a poor .294.

Gary Earle, a 6-3 redshirt, and a pair of incoming freshmen, 6-2 Bruce Gorder and 6-2 Marke Delsman, are other back court candidates, along with JC transfer Ray Leary.

Joining Copp at the forward spot will be returning starter, 6-7 senior John Anderson (11.0 points and 6.9 rebounds). Reserves will include 6-5 Mike Honz, 6-8 Allen Bunting and 6-7 Joel Kramer.

The center spot should fall to 6-11 junior John Servie. He played in all 26 Aztec games a year ago, averaging 4.3 points and 4.0 rebounds. He will be backed up by 6-11 senior Ken Barstow.

SAN JOSE STATE

Plenty of new faces will dot the San Jose State roster this season as coach Ivan Guevara's club hopes to improve on its 11-14 mark of a year ago. One thing which will help is the fact that the Spartans have 15 home games.

Lettermen back are 6-6 Don Orndorff (10.6), 6-0 Eric Saulny (6.3) and 5-11 Doug Adkings (7.4). Orndorff, who is the only returning front line regular, averaged 6.4 rebounds to lead the club.

Junior college transfers expected to help are 6-4 guard Sam Martin, who averaged 24 points a game last year; 6-8 Gary Hicks and 6-5 Bill Gray. The latter was named to the All-U.S. Navy team the past two seasons.

There's help coming from last year's freshmen, too. Leading the parade will be Jack Gamulin, a 6-5 swingman, who averaged 16 points. Ken Mickey, a 6-0 quarterbacking guard, is high rated by Guevara and could start. He scored at a 14.9 clip and led the frosh to a 20-6 mark, the most wins by a yearling team ever at San Jose State.

Other promising sophomores include 6-1 guard

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It was not a sensational recuriting year for McGuire. His new Gamecocks are 6-10 Chuck Sherwood, 6-5 Stu Klitenic, 6-4 Nate Davis and 6-5 Herbert Entzminger.

VIRGINIA TECH

Even with four starters back from its 1973 NIT championship team, Virginia Tech will be hard pressed to duplicate last season's 22-5 mark.

The top requirement will be replacing 6-7 Allan Bristow, the top scorer in Tech history. Last year he averaged 23.9 points and 11.6 rebounds a game.

The answer could be 6-7 sophomore Mike Collins. He was sidelined last mid-December and was out the remainder of the season. Collins is a fine shooter and is being counted on heavily by coach Don DeVoe.

Tech should be all right in the back court where senior starters 5-10 Bobby Stevens (9.7)—hero of the NIT—and 6-3 Charlie Thomas (12.2) are backed up by 6-1 sophomore Dave Sensibaugh (3.3) and 5-10 senior Tim Harvey (1.4).

Up front, the Gobblers are fairly well set with 6-5½ senior Craig Lieder (16.5) and 6-4 Ed Frazier (8.5). Additional help should come from 6-8 sophomore Kyle McKee, who averaged 2.6 points a game.

Calvin Wade, a 6-5 senior could be a starter, too, but likely will retain the same role he played so effectively as a sixth man last season, hitting at a 7.6 norm.

A pair of transfers, 6-4 Dennis Shrewbury and 6-5 Mark Cartwright, each of whom can swing at either guard or forward, along with Geoff Wiggins, a rugged

6-5 junior forward, who spent most of last season with the JVs.

"Replacing Bristow's mobility, boardwork and overall contribution will be very difficult at best," says DeVoe. "I feel that we'll have sufficient firepower on offense; and I'm confident that we'll show our defensive experience."

DeVoe also signed three freshmen—6-5 Duke Thorpe, 5-10 Denny Fugate and 6-4 Phil Thienaman—none of whom figure to see much action.

CENTENARY

Despite the loss of three starters, Centenary has a good shot at winning 20 games this season and the main reason is Robert Parish, a 7-1 sophomore center who is the second best big man in the country (behind Bill Walton).

The Centenary fans better enjoy Parish while they can because an awful lot of money is going to be tossed at him at the end of the season and the likihood is that he'll take it.

Last year, as a freshman, Parish averaged 23 points and 18.7 rebounds a game, hitting 57.9 per cent of his field goal attempts. Parish had individual highs of 50 points and 33 rebounds, both school records.

Houston coach Guy V. Lewis is one who feels that Parish is going to be an unstoppable player and may wind up the most sought after player in the country, simply because he's healthy.

The only returning starter is 6-5 junior forward Leon Johnson, who averaged 14.5 points a game a year ago when Centenary posted a 19.8. He'll be joined up front by 6-5 junior Jerry Waugh, who hit for 3.3 points while serving in a reserve role.

Depth will be provided by 6-8 Cal Smith, 6-3 Roosevelt Fuller and 6-8 Welton Brookshire, along with freshmen, 6-4 Al Barnes, 6-5 Eddie Harris and 6-7 John Pitts.

The back court will be inexperienced, although great things are expected from 6-0 sophomore Barry McLeod. The other starting spot should go to 6-0 senior, Dave Deets. Another posibility is 6-2 junior college transfer Ron Todd.

Rounding out the squad are Nate Bland, and freshmen Randy Ramsey and Rick Jackson.

FLORIDA STATE

A year ago at this time, Florida State was being touted as the chief threat to end UCLA's domination of college basketball. As it turned out the Seminoles did not even qualify for a post season bid and now hard times appear to be on the horizon.

Coach Hugh Durham's troubles started last season when forward Ron King dislocated an ankle early on. Then Benny Clyde, his highly regarded junior college transfer was suspended and things went from bad to worse. Yet, even with it all, Florida State finished 18-8.

This year, Durham will have to rely heavily on his young players. King and Clyde both passed up their final year of eligibility to sign pro contracts, and leading scorer 6-10 Reggie Royals (16.5) graduated.

Only five lettermen are back, including seniors 6-11 Larry McCray (14.7) and 6-2 Otis Cole (11.7), both of them should start.

Greg Grady, a 6-9 sophomore with unlimited potential, has to be in the lineup while the other two starting jobs might go to a pair of outstanding freshmen, 6-2 Wayne Smalls and 6-5 Archie Aldridge.

"Our success is going to depend largely on how the young players adjust to the college game," says Durham. "We have talented players who are very inexperienced."

Other returning lettermen are juniors Denins Burke and Dave Brownyard along with Cyril Stitt and Zach Perkins, the latter two both sophomores who saw limited action a year ago.

The Seminoles also added 6-9 transfer John Bowe (Houston) and freshmen, 5-8 Carlton Byrd, 5-11 Eugene Harris and 6-3 Juco transfer Larry Warren.

There is no question that the Florida State program needs rebuilt, but Durham has players who have the potential to get it righted immediately.

TULANE

"Our main objective is to have a winner right off the bat," says new Tulane basketball coach Charles Moir, who has never had a loser in 21 years of coaching, and was 133-44 at Roanoke the past six seasons, including an NCAA College Division Championship in 1971-72.

Moir has six lettermen returning from last year's 12-14 team, including 6-4 swingman Dave Renfroe, who averaged 12 points per game after earning a starting job at mid-season. Other returnees with starting experience now include playmaker Bruce Bolyard (7.8) and forward Jeff Morris, who hit 20 points a game as a sophomore and 5.8 last year.

Juniors 6-6 Steve Stanley (2.8), 6-9 Luther Strange (3.2) and 6-1 Tony Beaulieu (4.0) all saw a great deal of action in reserve last winter and will contend for starting jobs.

A couple of transfers are expected to add a big boost to the Green Wave's program after sitting out last season to gain their eligibility. They are 6-9 center Phil Hicks (Long Beach State) and 6-1 guard Marc Mirsky (Creighton).

Four sophs who could help are 6-6 guard Bob Uly and 6-9 center Tim La Hann (who both missed last season with injuries) and 6-2 guards John Bobzien and Paul Yungst, who saw reserve varsity action as frosh.

Moir is also high on incoming freshmen John Thompson and Greg Spannuth.

GEORGIA TECH

There will be a new look at Georgia Tech this season with Dwane Morrison taking over from John "Whack" Hyder as coach. Hyder retired at the conclusion of the 1972-'73 campaign after serving 22 years as head coach while recording a 292-271 mark.

Nine returning lettermen are back in an effort to improve on last season's 7-18 record, including the top two scorers. Tech will have its one-two punch of 6-8½ junior Andy McCain (14.9 points and 8.0 rebounds) and 6-2 junior guard Steve Sherbak (14.8).

Also back are 6-5 sophomore Harry Allen (7.5), 6-7 sophomore Preston Campbell (3.1), 6-10 sophomore Jeff Collier (4.7), 6-6 junior Bob Davis (9.2), 6-2 Ken Peters (3.3), 6-6 Steve Post (8.6) and 6-5 Steve Sonnenberg (7.3).

There are also seven other returnees: 6-2 John Boshart, 6-6 Phil Boshart, 6-0 Mike Bottorff, 6-8 Rocky Davis, 6-4½ Ray Dudkowski, 6-4 Trot Hunt and 6-7½ David Lockin.

Morrison, who previously coached at Mercer (Ga.), recruited what he feels are outstanding freshman prospects—6-7½ Randy Foster, 6-5 Micky Morrison, 6-0 Ray Schnitzer and 6-8 Jim Wood, along with 6-3 sophomore Mike Daugherty.

This is not a team which is going to frighten a lot of opposing clubs. It is going to take Morrison time to install his system and the schedule is extremely rugged. Tech could lose 20 game this season. ●

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Coach Leon Black has one other quality player in 6-8 senior post man John Wilson.

The Longhorns could be an outsider in the battle for the SWC crown.

TEXAS TECH

Texas Tech coach Gerald Myers is building for a run at the Southwest Conference championship, ued by its sensational sophomore Randy Bullock and talented junior Bill Johnson.

Bullock, a 6-9 center, and Johnson, a 6-6 forward, give the Red Raiders plenty of muscle up front in a league where size is the biggest overall handicap.

There's plenty of strength in the back court with Rich Little, Don Moore, Bryan Mauk and Phil Bailey.

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confident they can improve on their .486 percentage.

The regular season title should come easily. As for the post season classic, something always seems to happen to the Wildcats and don't be surprised if someone else makes it to the NCAA playoffs.

FURMAN

"Moose" and "Marvelous" are back and that means that Furman is headed for another outstanding season.

The "Moose" is 7-1 junior Fessor Leonard, who averaged 18.4 points and 9.6 rebounds, while hitting 52.6 per cent of his field goal attempts. He also showed his worth as an intimidator on defense.

Clyde "Marvelous" Mayes, a 6-9 junior, averaged 15.2 points and 11.1 rebounds, making 53.5 per cent of his field goal attempts. After a so-so start, Mayes was sensational during the final 11 games when he averaged over 20 points and 14 rebounds.

"We should be strong this year because of the experience we gained last season," said coach Joe Williams, who has taken Furman to two Southern Conference championships in three years, including a 20-9 mark last season, the best campaign for the Paladins in 19 years.

Joining Leonard and Mayes on the front line will be 6-6 sophomore Craig Lynch, who averaged 6.5 points a contest as a freshman reserve. He scored better than 11 points per game during the final nine games.

The rest of the starting lineup is not certain, but Williams has an abundance of veteran players from which to choose. He also recruited an excellent Juco player and one of the highest scoring prep stars in the country.

Junior Baron Hill started every game at point last year, but will receive stiff competition from Ed Kelley and JC transfer Phil Garrett, who was voted the best player under 6-0 at the national tournament last year. Top candidates for the other spot are senior Todd Brenizer and Gary Clark, plus freshman Bruce Grimm (31.0).

Furman should battle Davidson for the championship.

WILLIAM & MARY

Four of five starters are back, led by sensational Mike Arizin, so there is a great deal of optimism being expressed by William & Mary coach Ed Ashnault.

"We have to be stronger if only because we're more experienced," said Ashnault, whose club was 10-17 overall and 5-6 in the Southern Conference a year ago. "For most of the season we relied heavily on our youngsters."

Arizin, son of former pro star, Paul Arizin, averaged 17.2 points and 7.3 rebounds to lead the club in both categories. The 6-5 forward also paced the club in total points (465), most field goals (173), most free throws (119), and best free throw percentage (82.1). He was accorded Rookie All-American Team honors.

Joining Arizin on the front line will be 6-6 senior captain Mark Ritter, and 6-11 sophomore center Matt Courage. Ritter averaged 6.8 points a game, while courage hit for 10.7 points, grabbing 6.1 rebounds.

Tom Pfingst, a 6-4 junior guard (13.0) and the club leader in assists, will probably team with 6-1 sophomore Rod Musselman, who hit a 4.4 norm, while seeing limited action a year ago.

Three other lettermen return—6-6 junior forward Gary Byrd (5.0), 6-10 sophomore center Chuck Wortman (2.6) and 6-5 junior forward Bob Panzenback (0.5). Four outstanding recruits will be given a good shot at earning a job with the varsity. They include 6-7 Jim McDonough, 6-4 Ron Satterthwaite, 6-0 Barry Drodsinski and 6-10 Dennis Vail.

The Indians are still a year away from being contenders for the Southern Conference championship.

EAST CAROLINA

East Carolina basketball appears to be in store for a rebuilding year. The Pirates, who finished third in the Southern Conference race last season and compiled a 13-13 mark, have lost four starters.

The lone returning starter is 6-8 senior forward Nicky White, who averaged 11.1 points and 8.5 rebounds a game. Other experienced help will come from senior forward Roger Atkinson and sophomore guard Ken Edmonds. Atkinson averaged 6.9 points and 4.9 rebounds per game as the team's sixth man while Edmonds, a slick ball handling point man, saw considerable action with both the varsity and jayvees during his freshman year.

The services of 6-6 junior forward Tom Marsh will also be available to the Pirates. Marsh scored 15 points in his varsity debut a year ago before suffering a knee injury and after that he was able to make only one spot appearance.

Up from the jayvees will be Jumping Jack forwards Al Edwards and William Hill, guards Randy McGullen and Fred Stone and strongman Chuck Mohn.

Junior college transfers Bob Hurst, Donnie Owens and Mitch Stoller also should provide immediate help for coach Tom Quinn's club.

"Inexperience is the team's most glaring weakness as we enter the season," said Quinn. "However, by season's end, this team could be strong talent wise than any Pirate team of the past few years."

East Carolina should, once again, finish somewhere in the middle of the Southern Conference race.

RICHMOND

Aron Stewart, the nation's fourth leading scorer last year, will lead a group of seven returning lettermen plus a host of outstanding newcomers as coach Lewis Mills begins his 10th season at Richmond.

Stewart, a 6-5 senior forward, broke school records at will last season and finished with a 30.2 average for his outstanding performance. Stewart was named the Southern Conference Player-of-the-Year. He also led the club with a rebounding average of 11.9 per game.

Joining Stewart as returning starters are 6-10 center Jeff Snider (11.0 points and 8.7 rebounds) 6-3 senior guard Bob Jacobs (10.7) and 6-5 junior guard Steve Catlett (4.1).

Other returning lettermen include 6-5 junior forward Dave Williams (4.1), 6-7 senior forward Gus Collier (4.1) and 6-1 senior guard Carlton Mack (2.6).

Four sophomore are up from an excellent jayvee squad—6-4 forward Chris Buhram (6.1), 6-3 forward Tom Butts (12.3), 6-1 guard Mike Sanford (9.3) and 6-6 forward Tom Woytowicz (12.7).

Mills, whose club was 8-16 overall and 5-9 in the Southern Conference, recruited four outstanding freshmen, a junior college transfer and also gets possible help of a Virginia transfer.

The frosh are 6-2 Kevin Eastman, 6-8 Steve McCurdy, 5-10 Chris Wright and 6-6 Nate Sherman. Eric Gray, a 6-7 forward is the Juco transfer while Bob McGurdy, also 6-7, came by way of Virginia.

This should be an improved club, not good enough to make it a .500 season, but very dangerous, especially at home.

CITADEL

Coach George Hill's third Citadel team will be much like his one of last season—small, pesky and competitive.

The Bulldogs started no upper classmen over 6-4 a year ago, but surprised almost everyone by finishing 11-5 overall and in fourth place in the Southern Conference with a 6-8 mark.

Guard Steve Fishel (18.3) and forward Oscar Scott (11.2) have graduated, but all-conference Chuck Cordell (15.3) and forward Greg Weber (7.5) return from last season's starting lineup, along with 6-8 Rich Johnson. Johnson started every game a year ago as a freshman, averaging 5.4 points and 5.0 rebounds.

Cordell and Weber are both seniors, as is 6-9 Bob Ferris, a candidate to replace Scott. Letterman Glen MacDonald will also vie for Scott's position, along with freshmen Ricky Day and John Trimble (6-7).

Fishel's replacement will likely come from two yearlings, Rodney McKeever, an all-stater in South Carolina or Bill Stearman.

"Our biggest problems will be leadership on the floor, a drop-off of quickness, and our ball handling and shooting skills," said Hill. "Our assets will be our discipline and effort. We should at least hold our own again."

APPALCHIAN STATE

Press Maravich didn't exactly wow them in his first season as head coach at Appalachian State. With no players around who even closely resembled his son, Pistol Pete, his club struggled all season.

The team should be much better this time around. There's a large crew of forwards, a more than competent corps in the back court and an ever improving sophomore center.

John Vukasovich, a 6-8 sophomore has the potential to develop into one of the better middlemen in the Southern Conference. Dave Milosovich and Ed Kane, a pair fo 6-5 sophomores are leading candidates for the forward job.

In the back court, Tom Harwood, Harry Wadkins and Stan Davis give Maravich a good group of veteran players.

"It's going to take some time to develop a viable program at Appalachian State," said Maravich. "We're still a young club that's going to get better as the season progresses. We're not very deep and that may hurt us somewhat."

This club is destined to a second division finish.

VMI

Coach Bill Blair is looking toward VMI's first winning season in the past 32 years, but it's not likely to come in 1973-74. The Keydets were greatly improved a year ago (6-20) and have 10 lettermen back, but they still lack experienced big men.

The tallest returnee with a great deal of playing experience is 6-7 junior center Steve Chapin, who averaged 7.6 points and 5.7 rebounds. He'll likely be joined up front by 6-5 senior Steve Wolf (5.7 points and 4.6 rebounds) and 6-4 senior Charlie Tyler (7.3 points and 6.8 rebounds).

Three freshmen will be given a shot at winning a starting position. They are 6-6½ George Borojevich, 6-6 Will Bynum and 6-9 Ray Petty.

The Keydets strength a year ago was in the back court when the starting assignments were handled by freshmen, 6-0 Gordon Rawlyk (9.7) and 6-0 Curt Reppart (9.5). With a year's experience behind them, the duo should be able to hold their own with any combination in the Southern Conference.

"Last year we lacked a scoring punch from our forwards and there was no established leader on offense," said Blair. "Not one of the guards is ready to take over and the experience gained by the front court players should help us."

Other lettermen include 6-6 senior center Bob benninger (3.1), senior center Bob Frank (2.3), 6-1 junior Al Hansen (4.3), and 6-5 sophomore forward Tom Watjen (3.0). Two other freshmen could provide immediate help, 6-3 guard John Krovic and 6-4 swingman Dave Slomski.

VMI will have trouble staying out of the cellar.

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BOWLING GREEN

At the time of his appointment, Bowling Green coach Pat Haley promised to turn the program around a-la "The Maryland of the East." After a 4-20 mark the first season, there were some doubts expressed. Last year, the Falcons were 13-13 and since four starters are among returning lettermen and they'll be joined by two highly touted transfers, there is now talk of a Mid American Conference championship.

Heading up the returnees is 6-8 junior Cornelius Cash, who averaged 18 points and 15.2 rebounds—the latter among the best in the country, and tops among forwards. He was an all-league first team selection.

The other forward spot will be shared by a couple of lettermen—6-10 junior Skip Howard (12.3 points and 9.6 rebounds) and 6-6 senior Brian Scanlan (12.0 points and 6.2 rebounds).

The center spot has been reserved for the highly regarded 7-0 transfer Mark Cartwright, who originally enrolled at Maryland where he showed tremendous potential. Cartwright gives the Falcons an impressive front line, and now there's depth, too.

Jeff Montgomery, a 6-0 junior, who averaged 16 points a game last season and ran the offense, leads

the guard candidates. He'll most likely be joined in the backcourt by 6-3 Illinois transfer Greg Wilson. Other possibilities are 6-4 Jack Wissman (5.2) and 6-0 Dick Selgo (6.3), both lettermen. Additional help will be provided up front by 6-5 Bob Hotaling and 6-5 Ron Weber.

Look out for the "Maryland of the East."

CENTRAL MICHIGAN

With four starters returning and the addition of a top Juco player and an outstanding frosh, Central Michigan coach Dick Parfitt is expressing optimism about the upcoming campaign.

This will be the Chippewas second full season in the Mid American Conference and the club will play a full league schedule for the first time. A year ago, CMU was 13-13 overall and 4-6 in the MAC. However, the team, because of scheduling difficulties, had only four league games at home.

Of primary concern is finding a player to replace high scoring Ben Kelso, who hit for 23.8 points a game last season. It is expected that much of the load will go to flashy 6-0 sophomore guard Dick Dunbar, who hit at an 18.1 norm.

Dunbar should from part of an explosive back court which should also include Junior College All-American James McElroy, who averaged better than 30 points a game at Monroe County Community College.

Dan Roundfield, a 6-7 junior forward (14.3 points), will head up the front line, which will have Pat Bock, a 6-8 sophomore (4.3 points and 6.3 rebounds) at center and 6-5 junior Matt Means (5.8) at the other corner.

Reserve help will come from 6-5 senior forward John Kingsnorth, 6-2 senior guard, George Kubiak, 6-4 senior Bruce Bublitz, 6-4 junior Jim Helmink, 6-7 sophomore Russ Davis and 6-8 freshman Ben Poquette, the latter an All-State consensus prep star from Michigan.

The Chippewas will continue to improve and be ready to be in active contention for the crown next season.

TOLEDO

Toledo lost only two players from last season's 15-11 squad, but one of them was All-American frontliner Tom Kozelko, who averaged 21.5 points a game and was one of the top rebounders in the league. He had been the Mid American Conference Player-of-the Year as a junior when the Rockets tied for the title, only to lose in the playoffs.

"I think we'll be a very competitive team and could surprise a few people," said Rockets coach Bob Nichols. "We have a group of good shooters but there is not much depth so we're going to have to stay out of foul trouble. And the league is very strong and much more balanced than in recent years."

The starting lineup will probably be comprised of 6-4 Mike Parker (14.2) and 6-8 Jim Brown (8.2 points and 7.0 rebounds) at the forwards, 6-8 Russell Frost (2.1)—with limited playing experience—at center, and a combination of 6-1 Jim Kindle, 6-0 Larry Cole and 5-10 Chris Becker at the guards.

Other returnees are John Hodak (6.0), Bop Repp (5.2), Bob Conroy (2.7) and Chris Becker (1.9).

Last year as a team, the Rockets made 46 per cent of their field goal attempts and averaged 75 points a game. They'll have to shoot even better this time and find some additional rebounding help to be in the race.

KENT STATE

Kent State has been bounced around in the Mid American Conference for a number of years, but now things appear to be changing. No longer will the Flashes be a soft touch. They still aren't title contenders, but look out.

Coach Frank Truitt's club should be improved and better its 10-16 mark of a year ago. The team will be young, but there is more talent around than at any time in recent memory.

Replacing leading scorer and rebounder Dwight Kenner (14.1 points and 9.3 rebounds) is the major problem. Otherwise, virtually everyone is back.

Truitt is planning on a starting lineup which will include three sophomores and two juniors. It will have 6-6 sophomore Fred Walker (7.1) and 6-6 junior Dennis Odle—a transfer—at the forwards, 6-7 transfer Bradley Robinson at center, and 6-1 junior Rick Gates (13.5) and 6-3 sophomore Tom Brabson (16.7 with the JVs at the guards.

Backup help will come from 6-8, 250-pound senior Calvin Murphy (7.1), 6-5 sophomore Mike Lovenguth (9.8) and 6-4 senior Randy Caipen (5.9).

The future is even brighter. There are only two seniors on the roster—Murphy and Caipen—and Truitt recruited 7-footer Jim Zoet, the tallest player to ever enroll at Kent State.

WESTERN MICHIGAN

Western Michigan, which was 8-18 a year ago (2-12 in the Mid-American Conference) figures to be better this season, if for no other reason than the fact that the entire club is back and will be augmented by several outstanding freshmen.

Coach Eldon Miller's squad hopes to turn around its mark in close games. The Broncos lost 10 games by four or less points. One contributing factor was a .401 field goal percentage, one of the lowest in the country. This offset an otherwise fine rebounding (49.9) mark.

Key seniors include forwards 6-5 Mike Steele 6-4 Charlie Sidwell and 6-4 Bob Sentz, all of whom have earned two letters. Steele has hit for 15.0 and 15.4 points with Sidwell 10.0 and 6.7. Sentz, a part time starter, has tallied 5.4 and 7.4.

Paul Griffin, a 6-9 center, had an excellent freshman season, averaging 8.7 points and 8.8 rebounds, while making .514 per cent of his field goal attempts.

Two others who saw a great deal of playing time as freshmen were guards 6-4 Jim Kurzen and 6-3 Jimmie Harvey. The latter was outstanding defensively and also contributed 7.2 points. Kurzen, who plays the point, faces a severe challenge from junior Steve Rhodin, who missed part of last season with injuries. Stan Dixon, a two time lettermen, is also available.

A front liner who could move into the lineup is 6-5 sophomore S.L. Sales, who averaged 18.5 points and made .516 of his field goal attempts with the JVs. Another possibility is 6-2 Fred Burnette, a transfer. Freshmen who could help are 6-6 forward Boyd Breece (32.7) and 6-8 Tom Cutter.

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Austin (2.6), 6-5 senior center Mike Blackshire (2.2), 5-11 sophomore guard Gary Gray, 6-6 and sophomore forward Steve McGee (1.2).

PORTLAND STATE

Ken Edwards was not hired until mid-May prior to last season, but Portland state managed to win six of its last seven to finish with a 12-12 mark. Now, a year, later, buoyed by seven new recruits, the outlook is much improved. The one key departure is 6-8 forward Leo Franz, who averaged 20.4 points to finish as the third leading career scorer in Portland history.

Ed Buchanan, 6-3 swingman (12.3 points and 6.2 rebounds) and 6-0 sophomore Charles Channel (6.0) came on strong at the end of last season and are the returnees of note. New faces will include three of five second team all-state junior college players from the strong California system—6-5 James Mason, 6-5 Ken Cobb, 6-2 Frank Williams, along with another juco recruit 6-2 Duane Reed.

Additional help is expected from three Los Angeles freshmen—6-8 Larry Gray, 6-5 Derreck Brooks and 6-1 Albert Smith.

The schedule is also brighter with five home games during December as opposed to seven straight on the road before the holidays last year. Included are nine games against Big Sky opponents—a conference the club will eventually move in to.

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Heading the list of returnees is 6-10 senior center Harvey Catchings, who averaged 17.2 points and 11.3 rebounds, while hitting .529 of his field goal attempts. He is considered a possible pro prospect.

Joining him on the front line will be 6-7 forward Stedman Graham (12.3 points and 10.0 rebounds) and 6-4 Jeff Jamison 5.7). Another possibility is 6-5 Du Preston, a high scoring forward up from the jayvees.

The back court is well set with 6-3 senior guard Gary Crowthers (13.6 points) and the team leader in assists being paired with 6-1 Dennie Wood (7.0).

Berry's recruits include 6-5 Keith Lewis, 6-4 Melvin Cole, 6-3 John Molpus, 6-8 Mitch Henderson and 6-0 Donny Kliever.

"I'm really looking forward to the season," said Berry. "We won all 13 of our home games a year ago and our last seven overall, including a one-pointer over Oklahoma City and they went to the NCAAs. Maybe we'll be there this time."

PAN AMERICAN

They'll be firing them up in Edinburg, Texas, and anywhere else that Pan American plays this season. The reason, the king of the wide open offense Abe Lemmons has arrived on the scene.

Lemmons took over this past summer as athletic director and head coach, leaving Oklahoma City after 18 seasons. During that time, Lemmons' club's won 309 games.

He takes over a program which has crumbled over the past couple of seasons. A year ago, Pan American was 4-22. The team was beset by problems. It lost its leading scorer after 11 games. The fans lost interest. So Abe can be the hero who has come to save the program.

He'll have three excellent returnees and a transfer around which to build his first Pan American club.

Likely starters are 6-8 Julius Howard, 6-7 Carlos

"Tree" McCullough, 6-2 Bruce King and 5-10 Jesus (Chuy) Guerra, with the fifth spot wide open. Best of the group are McCullough and King. McCullough logged the most playing time a year ago and averaged 15.6 points and 13.8 rebounds a game, while hitting .476 of his field goal attempts. King averaged 23.5 points last season at the University of Corpus Christi (Tex.), which has since terminated its basketball program. Guerra hit at a 9.8 norm and handed off better than 6 assists a game.

HOUSTON BAPTIST

How can any team have a chance at a winning season when 17 of the 23 scheduled games are played away from home. That's pure insanity, but one of the prices a budding basketball school pays for meeting major college teams. Besides, the club was 7-0 at home a year ago when they posted an overall mark of 10.13.

Three starters are back, but the big problem will be that of replacing E.C. Coleman, who averaged 20.6 points and 12.8 rebounds.

Up front, Houston Baptist coach Lonnie Richards will probably go with 6-7 senior Willie Bennett (11.7 points and 7.6 rebounds) and 6-6 sophomore Raymond Prejean (2.6) at the forwards, 6-11 sophomore Robert Paige (1.9) at center and veterans 6-0 senior Jim Skaggs (11.5) and 6-1 sophomore Terry Garner (14.8) at the guards.

"This is sort of a rebuilding year for us," said Richards. "We are hoping that some of the young players come through. It's tough to expose guys like this to a difficult road schedule."

This season starts the second decade of basketball at Houston Baptist. In 1963, with a makeshift freshman club, the Huskies compiles a 1-7 record against mostly junior college competition. Now ten years later the competition consists of the likes of Utah State, TCU, SMU and Centenary, among others.

A beak-even season would be a remarkable achievement for Houston Baptist this year.

FAR WEST SMALLER SCHOOLS

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Leadership must come in the back court to stabilize the team and help them to adjust to the loss of Jim Ballard, the second leading scorer and rebounder in SPC history.

CALIFORNIA STATE AT BAKERSFIELD

Coach Jim Larson faces a rebuilding year, having graduated four starters from a team which tied for the CCAA championship last year in its first season of league competition.

The Roadrunners could start an all sophomore team led by clutch player Mike Hooper who was voted best first year player in the 1972-73 season.

New talent includes guard Roman Cisneros, forward Steve Lantz and forward-center Alvin Joseph, who will be an instant starter.

SOUTHERN SMALLER SCHOOLS

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NAIA tournament as a freshman. Free, who can hold his own against any guard in the nation, averaged 21.1 points a game. He'll be joined by 6-0 senior Greg Jackson (14.2).

Up front, the Quakers will go with 6-2 Teddy East (11.7 points and 8.3 rebounds), 6-9 Ray Massengill (9.0) and 29-year-old Vietnam veteran 6-6 Steve Hankins (8.6).

Best of the recruits is Billy Highsmith, a 6-0 guard, who will be used mainly in a backup role.

JACKSON STATE

Anyone with a standout like Jackson State has in 6-7 sophomore Eugene Short, must be considered a threat for national honors. And the fact that the Tigers have all five starters back makes them doubly imposing.

Short was one of the premier freshmen in the country last year, averaging 21.7 points and 10.6 rebounds and was the only yearling to make the SWAC All-League first team.

Up front with Short will be Howard Walker (13.4 and 73 rebounds) and Bobby Luverne (10.7 points and 8.2 rebounds). Ricky Berry (13.2) and Glendale Jones (11 points) formed the back court, but one may have to give way to 6-3 freshman George White, an All-American prep player.

Jackson State should improve on its 21-7 mark and be a Top 20 team.

KENTUCKY STATE

For Lucias Mitchell, last season was a disappointing one, despite a 28-5 record. After all, the club lost in the first round of the NAIA playoffs after having won three consecutive national titles. You can't keep a good team down for long and Mitchell has the makings of another super unit.

Leading the way is 6-6 forward Bob Whitley, who averaged 20 points a game and 28 over the final 10 games of the season. He'll be joined up front by 6-8, 210-super freshman Cecil Rellford, who is called by Mitchell, the best all-around corner prospect I've ever gotten (P.S. Travis Grant—college basketball's all-time leading scorer was a forward at Kentucky State). Backup help will be provided by 6-6 Arthur Box (10.7), 6-6 Karl Hopkins and 6-6 sophomore transfer Fred Brown.

In the middle, Mitchell has 7-0, 240-pound Andre Hampton, who is finally developing into a first rate center. He averaged 9.3 points. The backup is 6-11 freshman Carlos Showers.

The back court is sound with 6-3 junior Harvey Carmichael and 6-4 sophomore Lewis Linder. Carmichael, a top pro prospect, is coming off a bad campaign, which saw him averaging only 8.2 points. Linder was the third guard last season, hitting at a 4.3 norm.

XAVIER

A real small college powerhouse has been built at Xavier by coach Bob Hopkins. It's a team which is capable of sweeping to the NAIA championships this season.

Last year, the Gold Rush won the District 30 NAIA championship and upset top seeded and unbeaten Sam Houston State at the national tournament.

With only one starter gone and the presence of one of the most electrifying players in college ball, Xavier could win it all.

The superstar is 6-8 junior Bruce Seals, who averaged 25.4 points, 13.6 rebounds and six blocked shots a game during the regular campaign a year ago, while making its first team All-America.

To go with Seals, Hopkins has 6-1 Gregory Berniard (15.6), 6-4 James Williams, 6-4 Sammy Young and 6-8 Daniel Jackson.

FAIRMONT STATE

If Fairmont State coach Joe Retton comes up with an adequate guard replacement for the graduated Butch Haswell, he will have his 11th consecutive 20 game win season.

The Falcons return their top four scorers, including All-American 6-8 Lerman Battle (18.5 points and 10.8 rebounds). Also back are 6-6 Bill Lindsey (16.3 points and 9.0 rebounds), 6-6 Ed Lemon (12.4 points and 14.6 rebounds) and Brad Butcher (12.8).

Best bet to take over the open guard job is either Les Shaffer (2.1) or Steve Heffner (2.9).

This team should be back at Kansas City again.

GRAMBLING

After last season's disastrous 6-18 mark, Grambling coach Fred Hobdy is hoping to turn it around and he has the talent to do it.

The Tigers will have four solid starters in seniors Aaron James and Joe Simpson and freshmen Larry Wright and Billy Burton.

James, a 6-7 forward and a likely first round pro pick next Spring, averaged 23.1 points and nearly 12 rebounds a game, including a single game high of 46 points against St. John's. Simpson, a 6-3 guard, known as "The Pro" averaged 20.7 points.

Wright a first team prep All-American, will give Grambling the team leadership in the backcourt that it lacked last season. He averaged 23.5 points as a senior. Burton hit for 27.4 points as a prep star in Louisiana.

The center spot will probably go to Charles Evans, a 6-8 junior, who averaged 5.3 points and five rebounds a game last season.

CARSON-NEWMAN

The 1972-73 Eagles had more wins (31) than any NAIA or NCAA team in the nation, but just missed making it to Kansas City for the championships, losing to Kentucky State by one point in the District 24 finals.

Three starters are back, including 6-6, 230-pound All-American senior forward Mike Ogan. He averaged 34.1 points and 8.9 rebounds as a junior. Also back are forward Mark Mason and Jay Cuny, who averaged 18.0 points and 12.9 points, respectively.

The back court will have to be rebuilt and a replacement found for 5-2 Steve Williams, the mighty mite who set a single season NAIA assist mark of 458. Four players, David Mills, Pete Billingsley, Tommy Erwin and Junior Johnson will battle for the open shots.

NORTH CAROLINA A&T

North Carolina A&T figures to be one of the top contenders for the Mid Eastern Athletic Conference title this season despite the loss of All-American guard June Harris.

The team leader is James Outlaw, a 6-0 senior guard, who led the club in scoring a year ago with a 26.6 average. He'll team with sophomore 6-5 Allen Spruill (6.6).

Up front, the Aggies will be exceptionally strong. Center Artice Jackson, 6-9, turned out to be the class pivot man in the MEAC tournament, after missing most of the season with an injury. Willie Daniels (13.6) and either Ron Johnson (5.1) or Juco transfer Lon Smith, will fill the other forward spot.

Two new recruits, Calvin Norman and Leon Dickens will provide backup help at guard.

GARDNER-WEBB

The addition of a strong junior college transfer to a nucleus of three returning lettermen helps make

Gardner-Webb the favorite to win the NAIA District 26 championship.

The Bulldogs had plenty of firepower last year but lacked muscle around the boards. That has been solved with the addition of 6-8, 230-pound John Searight.

The offense will once again be supplied by Jim Blanks and John Drew. Blanks, a 6-4 junior, averaged 23.9 points and 12 rebounds a game, while Drew, a 6-6 sophomore with super potential hit for 24.4 points and grabbed 8.5 rebounds. Rounding out the starting lineup are 5-11 junior Billy Ellis and 6-3 junior Doug Turner. Lester Stinson, a 610 freshman will probably see lots of action as the season progresses.

ROANOKE

In the past two seasons, Roanoke has won one NCAA College Division title and finished as the runner-up. Since five lettermen are back including three starters, the team must be given a good shot of reaching the final eight, at least, again.

Leading the way is 6-6 senior and two time All-American Jay Piccola, who averaged 22.1 points and 20 rebounds, while hitting 52.5 per cent of his field goal attempts. The other returnees are Denton Willard (14.7) and Allen Jones ((11.3).

Henry Kleinknecht and Ron Reed, who averaged 7.5 points and 3.8 points respectively, will be given first shot at the two open spots with Rich Welshans. Steve Swanson and Dave Schoonover as other possibilities.

Roanoke also has a new coach—Mel Hankinson, who developed Slippery Rock into a small college power.

KENTUCKY WESLEYAN

The defending NCAA College Division Champions (24-6) are faced with a rebuilding job, but coach Bob Jones has been in the same position before.

Returning are guards Jyronna Ralston (17.8) and Steve Walker (16.9), both starters on the title winner.

The new center will be Larry Dugan, who served as a backup a year ago and averaged 2.5 points.

At the forwards, Jones is expected to go with a couple of junior college recruits, Harold Miles and Mike Darrett.

Backup help will be provided by Bob Bratina, up from the jayvees, and freshman William Johnson.

ALBANY STATE

Any team with a player the calibre of Major Jones must be considered good. The 6-10 sophomore of unlimited potential, leads a strong Albany State squad, which should be in a post season tournament again.

Jones will probably return to his natural center spot this year and should average 20 plus points and rebounds. He'll get excellent help up front from 6-9 junior Robert Rhodes.

Willie Green, Mike Hubbard, Bernard Pinckney, Wayne Taylor and Roger Williams are other returnees and Al Smith, a transfer from Florida State will also be available.

ALCORN A&M

Five starters, all of whom averaged in double figures a year ago with a team that was 24-5 and won the SWAC give promise for a great season for Alcorn A&M.

Coach Davey Whitney's team is loaded with talent, headed up by 6-10 Nate Archibald, the SWAC Player-of-the-Year. He averaged 14.5 points and 10.7 rebounds a game.

Whitney will go with Archibald at center, Joe Martin (15.2) and Alfred Milton (12.7) at the forwards and Andrew Tatum (14.2) and Roosevelt Stewart (12.3) at the guards.

Dellie Robinson (9.8) and John McGill (9.7), a pair of sophomores, will be the key reserves.

OLD DOMINION

Old Dominion could make a strong run at the NCAA College Division title this season. With four starters back from a 19-9 club, coach Sonny Allen is voicing guarded optimism.

Best of the returnees is 6-7 senior center Joel Copeland (19.7 points and 11.6 rebounds). He was a second team All-American a year ago. He'll be joined in the front line by 6-6 Tom Street (10.0 points and 9.6 rebounds) and Gray Eubank (8.2). Eubank may also play guard, with Copeland switching to forward to make room for 6-10 transfer Jay Rountree. Oliver Purnell (9.6) will be the other starter.

Reserve strength will come from 6-5 Leon Hylton, 6-3 Rich Tackaberry, up from the jayvees and freshmen 6-8 Wayne Piscopo and Joey Caruthers.

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE

With five of the top six players back, South Carolina State has to be the favorite to win the NAIA District 6 title. New coach Tim Autrey, formerly an assistant at Maryland, has a great center in 6-10 junior Tommy Boswell, around whom to build a potential powerhouse. Boswell averaged 18 points and 15 rebounds a year ago.

Up front, the Bulldogs will probably go with 6-5 Curtis McLendon (19.0) and 6-5 sophomore Alex Barron (8.0). In the back court it will be 6-0 senior Mike Williams (9.8) and 6-3 sophomore Ronnie Henderson (6.3).

MORGAN STATE

Marvin "Human Eraser" Webster, one of the best big men in all of college basketball, heads up a Morgan State team whch figures to be a "sleeper" in the MEAC this season.

Webster, a 6-11 junior, averaged 18.5 points, 23.2 rebounds and 7.5 blocked shots a year ago and was a small college All-American. He was also taken on the first round of the ABA's underclassmen draft.

To go with Webster are 6-7 Ty Pryor, 6-6 Mike Streety, 6-4 Pat Edwards and 6-5 Jethro Crum. In the back court, the starting duo of Billy Newton and Tony Blount return. Other possibilities are Eric Posey, Alvin O'Neal and Duane Sweat.

ALABAMA STATE

With three of five starters gone, this is a rebounding year at Alabama State. Absent are Allen Curry (20.7) and Larry Lilly (14.6 points and 15.4 rebounds).

The starting lineup figures to consist of 6-8 Harvey Jones (20.0 points and 22.2 rebounds), 6-8 Jim Cooper (9.8), 6-11 Andrew Thomas, 6-8 Mikul Leonard and 6-11 Carl Jones. Best of the newcomers are 6-9 Dwight Moon and 6-7 Harold Edwards.

BETHANY

The Bisons, who lost five players from a 7-14 club, are rebuilding around two sophs and four juniors. The sophs are Tag Wilson (9.1) and Mark Lesnett (5.7). The juniors—Jim Schmitt (10.1), George Gundling (5.8), John Ali (3.8) and Ron Sackett (3.8).

The top freshmen are 6-8 Andy Miller and 6-3 forward Ernie McNeeley.

ELON

With the return of four starters from a 21-9 team, Elon's future is bright. Gone is Larry Trautwein, the leading rebounder and scorer.

Returning at forwards are 6-7 Diffy Ross (13.9 points and 10.3 rebounds) and 6-5 Thomas Moore (11.4 points and 8.2 rebounds). Two 6-1 guards are back—Elbert Outlaw (12.4) and Wayne Ellington (11.1)

Brad Ballou, a 6-9 center and Bob Pavlovski, a 6-7 forward, are the leading candidates for the starting pivot job.

NORTHWESTERN STATE (LA.)

Three returning starters, two outstanding newcomers and some promising frosh give hope at Northwestern State (6-19 a year ago).

Forward Errick Hunt, center Reggie Grace and guard Greg Procell were three of the top four scorers, averaging 12.7, 12.0 and 11.6, respectively. Expected to be candidates for the other two starting positions are Howie Hughes and Bernard Holder.

Coach Tynes Hildebrand can also call on returning lettermen Steve Budde, Edward Johnson and Nelson Sanders.

AUGUSTA

Augusta coach Marvin Vanover went out and recruited four JC transfers to go with only two holdovers from a team that was 16-8 last year.

Henry Davis (15.6 points and 9.1 rebounds) and Mike Shea (10.5 points and 8.5 rebounds) are the returnees. The Juco's are Chick Ludman, Bob Miller, Jay Bowers and Rich Ortiz.

Two incoming freshmen may also help—Bobby Parker and Doug Eskew.

BELLARMINE

Nine lettermen, including five starters are back from a 12-14 club.

George Duncan (14.9), Jim Hall (14.5), Derek Doward (11.0), Bobby Todd (10.7) and Floyd Smith (12.1) provide lots of offense. Hugh Wright, Pete Schubeler, Rick Potter and John Eppensteiner are the other lettermen.

Additional help is expected from freshmen Charlie Roberts and Dewey Minton, transfers Dennis Stephenson and Ronnie Redmon and Al Hunter, who missed last season recovering from knee surgery.

PEMBROKE STATE

Pembroke State hopes to repeat last year's feat of reaching the NAIA national tournament. Four regulars are back from a 20-8 squad, including 6-2 forward Alphonzo McRae (19.2).

Other regulars back are Everett Hambriic (13.6), 6-4 Barry O'Brien (10.8) and Sonny Davis (7.1).

Top recruits are Alvin Massenburg, Tom Gardner and Larry Nader.

WASHINGTON AND LEE

Four regulars, headed by Skim Lichtfuss (19.7) give Washington and Lee promise for an excellent campaign. Other starters back are Bowman Williams, Gary Fitzgerald and Guy Kerr.

Additional returning lettermen include Greg Croghan, Jerry Porath, Norm Kristoff and Randy Taylor.

UNCC

The 49ers of coach Bill Foster lost only one player from last year's 14-12 squad. UNCC will return all five starters, a group which includes all time school scorer Robert Earl Blue, who averaged 20.8 points a game last season.

Also back will be frontliners Geoff Bommer (11.0) and Derek Jones (11.5 points and 7.1 rebounds).

UNCC will return five guards—Sheldon Shipman (7.1), Luther Jefferson (6.9), Will Barnes (5.1), Rick Dobson (4.9) and Bob Ball (4.4).

Two junior college transfers—Jon Heath and George Jackson—should provide additional help.

JOHNSON C. SMITH

Coach Joe Alston will be satisfied with nothing less than 100 points a game from his club, which has four starters back from a 17-10 unit.

The squad will have James Sanders (12.1 points ind 12.7 rebounds) at center, with George Cooper 19.0 points and 16.3 rebounds) and 6-6 Ellis Allen (7.9) at the forwards and Willie Joplin (13.4) and Eric Polite (5.2) at the guards.

Best of the newcomers are Milton "Skinny Papa" Hill, a junior college transfer, along with frosh Brian McCants and Charles Stewart.

MIDDLE ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

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Since only one starter is gone, it would appear that the future is bright. Maybe so, but the graduated senior was 6-8 Kermit Washington, who averaged 20.8 points and 20.4 rebounds, the latter tops in the nation.

There's one other change. Jim Lynam, former assistant at St. Joseph's, will be the new head coach at American, replacing Tom Young.

Pacing the four returnees is 6-6 junior Wilbur Thomas, who has an excellent chance to earn post season honors. A year ago, he hit for 21.6 points a game, making him the highest scoring sophomore in American history. He also added 9.3 rebounds.

The other forward will be 6-5 senior Pete DeHaven, who averaged 11 points a game, while the guards are slated to be 6-1 senior Johnny Lloyd (15.2) and 6-1 senior Steve Garrett (5.6).

Bill Demharter, a 6-10 senior, will get the first crack at Washington's vacated center spot. There was never much playing time available behind Washington, but when the All-American was injured Demharter started, scoring 15 points and grabbing 12 rebounds. If Demharter cannot fill the bill, Bill Mann, a 6-7 senior, will get a shot. Mann can also be used at forward.

Reserve help in the back court will come from 6-1 senior Bill Ulbin (2.8) and perhaps the team's best ball handler, and 6-2 sophomore Jim Neurohr (2.3), providing he recovers from a knee injury. Another possibility is Mike Jenifer, a 6-2 sophomore transfer from Grambling. The front court reserves are 6-8 junior Lenny Lockhart, 6-5 sophomore D. M. Jones and freshmen 6-5 Skip Mann, 6-6 Tay Waltenbaugh and 6-5 Calvin Brown.

ST. JOSEPH'S

St. Joseph's will be hard pressed to match last season's 22-6 mark which included the Middle Atlantic Conference championship and a berth in the NCAA playoffs.

The Hawks graduated three players—two of whom averaged better than 20 points a game. Mike Bantom hit for 20.3 points and grabbed 13.1 rebounds while Pat McFarland poured in 20.3. The third senior was Bob Sabol who missed most of the season with injuries.

Kevin Furey, who stepped in and took over the center spot, averaging 6.6 points and 8.0 rebounds, will head up a front line which will also include two of the following trio—6-3 senior Lou Peltzer (5.5), 6-6 senior Gene Prybella and 6-8 Ron Righter. Prybella lettered as a sophomore but sat out last season while Righter transferred from Duke where he was the sixth man two years ago.

Other forward prospects are 6-6 senior John Zipp, 6-7 junior Steve MacZinko and 6-6 sophomore Lee Scott with 6-10 soph John Snyder expected to be the back up for Furey.

The guard situation is in capable hands with all four of last year's back court players returning. Seniors 6-0 Jim O'Brien (5.9) and 6-2 Mike Moody (9.6) were starters with 6-0 junior Fran Rafferty and 6-4 senior Craig Kelly, along with 6-3 sophomore Mike Borski the reserves.

Incoming frosh recruited by coach Jack McKinney include 6-7 Steve Vassolotti, 6-7 Charlie Gaines, Greg Krause, 6-6 Ed Benson and 6-2 Lyric Collier. Vassolotti and Krause could be factors.

DREXEL

With four starters returning from a club that was 14-7 a year ago, Drexel has an outside shot at earning a berth in the Middle Atlantic Conference (east division) playoffs this season.

Coach Ray Haesler has 10 lettermen back overall and has added three outstanding freshmen, all of whom have a shot at playing.

The Dragons will likely go with 6-4 junior Terry Parks (10.3 points and 5.7 rebounds) and 6-6 junior Doug White (8.9 points and 8.6 rebounds) at the forwards, 6-6 senior Frank Korwek (8.4 points and 6.7 rebounds) at center and the club's top player, 6-4 senior Greg Newman (15.2) at guard.

Tim Corlies, a 6-4 junior, who was the top sub a year ago, when he averaged 6.5 points, has the inside track on the job, but will face stiff competiaion from 6-3 Mike Faegens (1.7) and incoming freshman 6-2 Steve Rawlings.

Other lettermen include 6-2 senior Dave Williams (1.5), 6-3 junior Charlie O'Donnell (1.0), 6-5 junior Jeff Howland (0.9) and 6-6 senior Ed Tompkins (0.6).

Additional help might come from three sophomores up from the jayvees. They are 6-5 Doug Romanczuk (13.1 points and 9.9 rebounds), 6-6 Mike Kernan (15.2) points and 9.5 rebounds) and 5-10 Jim Brophy (12.7).

"In order to get into the playoffs, we're going to have to beat one of the four perennial powers in the league (LaSalle, American, St. Joseph's or Temple)," said Haesler. "I know one thing. We've closed the gap considerably."

HOFSTRA

A talented group of freshmen can help turn around the Hofstra basketball program. Last year, coach Roger Gaeckler's rookie season, the Flying Dutchmen were 8-16 overall and 1-5 in the MAC.

High school All America, 6-6 Rich Laurel, who attended prep school a year ago, heads the list. He will be joined by 6-8 Pat Kammerer, 6-2 Ken Rood, 6-6 Bob Blyden, and 6-3 Gene Seidle, along with junior college transfer, 6-10 Vince Volmut.

"We're going to be a young team that makes a lot of mistakes early in the season," said Gaeckler.

"Look for greater diversification on offense, pressure defenses, half and full court and a better shooting club."

The Dutchmen made only 40 per cent of their field boal attempts last year and had only one player—graduated senior John Farmer (15.7) in double figures.

Three of the returnees were regulars a year ago—6-3 senior guard Dwight Adams (8.1), 6-5 senior Dale Davis (8.3 points and 8.1 rebounds) and 6-sophomore swingman Ricky Whitfield (8.0). All will face a battle for the job with the incoming freshmen and transfers.

"Laurel has a chance to be one of the finest players in the country," added Gaeckler. "He was a teammate of Andre McCarter (now at UCLA) when they attended famed Overbrook H.S. in Philadelphia."

Hofstra's young players will get tested early. Six of the first seven games are on the road, including the opener at Florida State.

WEST CHESTER

Last season was a long one for West Chester, mainly because the Golden Rams were short on talent. The squad was small and were way out of its class playing in the east division of the Middle Atlantic Conference with the likes of Temple, St. Joseph's, American and LaSalle.

West Chester would do well to get out of the MAC or at least move to a less competitive division.

Best of the returnees are 6-3 Jim Zinsky and 6-4 Mike Fratrick.

This could even be a longer season than the one that Ram fans suffered through in 1972-1973

LAFAYETTE

If Lafayette coach Tom Davis can come up with a couple of capable forwards, the Leopards should win their third west section championship in the last four seasons. A year ago, Lafayette came on to win 11 of its last 15 games to finish 16-10 overall.

Graduation of the two inside scoring threats, 6-5 Walt Kocubinski, the school's second all-time leading scorer and 6-5 Pat Costigan, is a major problem.

Much of the burden will be placed on 6-10 senior center Earl Brown, who averaged 10.6 points and 11 rebounds and over the summer played with the Puerto Rican Olympic team. Jim Portray, one of the tri-captains, will be given a shot at forward. He averaged 10.2 points a year ago.

Henry Horne, a 6-5 junior (3.8) will likely battle sophomores 6-6 Henry Miklas and 6-6 Jim Sullivan for the other spot. Miklas averaged 12.7 points and 12 rebounds on last year's frosh team and Sullivan had an 11.5 scoring average.

There's excellent strength at guard with the return of 6-0 sophomore Gerry Kavanaugh, and juniors 6-0 Frank DiLeo and 5-11 Art Fischetti. Kavanaugh, the first freshman to play at Lafayette in over 25 years. ran the club during the latter stages of the season. He averaged 7.0 points a game. DiLeo hit (5.0) and Fischetti (6.0).

Another fine back court prospect is 6-2 sophomore Todd Tripucka, who led the frosh with a 16.6 average. Junior college transfer Greg Baldwin is another possibility.

The Leopards will, at least make the playoffs and don't be surprised if they win the West section again. Davis does a great job.

GETTYSBURG

Bob Hulton took a young Gettysburg basketball team and guided the Bullets to a second place finish in the western section of the Middle Atlantic Conference. With not a single loss from that team and eight lettermen, including all five starters and the top three reserves returning, a playoff berth is likely.

Much of the success can be attributed to Dan Thompson, a 6-8 center, and Jeff Clark, a 6-7 forward, who moved in last year as sophomores and finished as the top two scorers. Clark averaged 16.1 points and 8.9 rebounds, while Thompson hit at an 11.7 norm, collecting 7.4 rebounds.

The other front court starter, 6-4 senior Bill Speier, averaged 11.4 points and paced the club in rebounding with 10.8.

John Gyulai, a 6-footer, is back for the third year

to run the club. He scored at a 9.2 clip and was the leader in assists. He'll be joined by 6-3 senior Perry Clark (11.3).

The three frontline reserves are 6-0 sophomore guard Bob Groves (5.1), 6-2 senior forward Eric Morgan (3.3) and 6-6 senior forward Bill Rafferty (1.6).

Up from the jayvees are 6-0 Jim Brown, 6-4 Kevin Greener, 6-2 Andy Mays, 6-3 John Myers and 6-1 John Shrom.

Gettysburg has good depth, better than average speed, good defensive abilities, and exceptional scoring talents. The Bullets should be able to improve on last year's 14-11 overall mark.

DELAWARE

The return of six lettermen, five of whom started at least one game, plus a number of excellent prospects of an outstanding freshman team, makes the outlook bright for Delaware.

The group of lettermen is headed by three players who averaged in double figures—6-8 center Wolfgang Fengler, who averaged 12.6 points a game and led the club in rebounding with 10.6, and guards Bob Nack (10.4) and Bill Sullivan (10.1).

The other lettermen on the 14-11 club were 6-5 forward Jim Skedzielewski (6.3), 6-4 Sherwood Purnell (3.8) and 6-6 center Don Otto (3.4).

"We'll need more rebounding strength," admitted Delaware coach Don Harum. "Last year, our front line averaged 24 rebounds a game and that type of work doesn't win games."

Hopefully, this is where the sophomores will play prominent roles. Harum will be looking at 6-9 Steve Schlachter and 6-8 Ed Atman to provide additional strength up front. Atman averaged 8.4 points a game for the yearlings, but more important led the team in rebounds (7.2). Schlachter hit at a 9.9 norm.

In addition to Nack, who suffered through an off season after averaging 15.3 as a sophomore, and Sulllivan, the Hens have two fine guard prospects up from the freshman team. They are Paul Givson, who led the Blue Chicks in scoring with 13.2 points and Brian Kenney, who was second (10.4).

The added overall team depth could be provided by guard Chris Carroll and forward Dan Randall, reserves for last year's varsity, plus guard Bob Ryan and forwards Dave Williams and Dick Moore from the frosh.

There's enough talent to finish in the top three and make the playoffs.

RIDER

Rider is likely to transform a 12-14 mark into a winning season and a possible berth in the Middle Atlantic Conference playoffs.

With seven lettermen—all of whom started at least two games, a transfer and some good freshmen recruits, coach John Carpenter expects to improve greatly on the league mark of 2-8.

Chris Devlin, a 6-5 sophomore, and juniors 6-0 guard Rick Hurley, 6-2 guard Charlie Bell and 6-4 Harry Edwards all saw plenty of action as starters last season, while junior - guard Mike Baggett, the leading scorer among returnees (7.1), saw action as a key reserve and spot starter. In addition, Scott Asay, a senior, played in 18 games, mostly as a reserve.

Meanwhile, 6-9 senior George Shouey, who saw most of his action on the Jayvees, rounded into his own the final six games of the season, averaging seven points, seven rebounds and five blocked shots a game. Carpenter is also expecting big things from Delaware transfer Russ Stroemel, a 6-5 forward.

Four freshmen are being counted on to help the team. They include 6-9 Chuck Simon, 6-6 Steve McGair, 6-2 Norm Hobbie and 6-7 Wayne Speells.

"Once again, the club will stress defense," says Carpenter, whose team was 15th in the nation a year ago. "The freshmen will make the big difference and could make us a winner."

LEHIGH

Lehigh, where coach Tom Pugliese is moving into his second year, will rely heavily upon younger players. The Engineers, 8-17 overall, and 3-7 in the Middle Atlantic Conference western section last year, have lost 6-8 center Hank Wisniewski who scored 1,084 points and was voted the MAC West all-star pivot man. Also gone are back court leader Terry Martin and forwards Dick Zelickson and Bob D'Agosta.

Returning lettermen are forwards Hal Lambert and Dave Rubenzahl and guards George Belfield, Gene Brown and Norm Liedtke. Rubenzahl paced that group in scoring with a 7.4 mark. Lambert averaged 6.2, Belfield 3.4, Brown 3.1 and Liedtke 3.0.

Pat Mullany, a transfer from Hawaii, and Joe Morris, a good freshman guard of two seasons ago who was out of school last year, may help.

"I think we have a few outstanding freshmen coming into the picture," says Pugliese, "and we may have to count upon them more than I'd like. We could start two or three. Certainly I am putting emphasis on building for the future."

BUCKNELL

The loss of four starters and general overall inexperience spell a long season for Bucknell and second year coach Jim Valvano.

Seven lettermen are back, but only one, 6-5 forward Paul Kerr, saw much action. He started at forward and averaged 8.9 points and 5.4 rebounds.

Valvano faces an unbelievable rebuilding job. Not only did he lose his four top scorers, but three good reserves went the way of graduation.

"I would say it might take a small miracle for us to approach last season's mark when we were 11-14," said Valvano. "Most of the other teams in the division have experience on their side."

The other returning lettermen are 6-2 junior guard Rusty Bracho (3.3), 6-2 senior guard Hal Thomas (2.0), 6-7 junior center Bill Hall (1.8), 6-3 senior forward Algin Garrett (1.3), 6-4 junior forward Fred Burke (1.1) and 6-7 junior center Rich Wilson (0.9).

Three promising sophomores might move right into the starting lineup. Best of the bunch is 6-1 guard Bruce Barr. Valvano considers him an excellent prospect. Other possibilities are 6-6 center Sam Stettler (12.5) and 6-5 Brian Harris (11.2).

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McCarron and the Vikings should have a strong bench.

Frosh recruits include Rich Chapman, Steve Fuchs and Brad Richter.

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE

Anytime you lose a pair of outstanding forwards who scored an average of 43.5 points per game and hauled in an average of 21.7 rebounds per game, you are bound to miss them. And that's the case with South Dakota U's coach Jim Marking.

Marking will build around a solid nucleus of three returning starters. Guards Rich Gerry (6-1) and Ron Wiblemo (6-0) will be joined by senior center Dale Nickelson, a 6-7 cager who has all the versatility to take over the scoring and rebounding leadership. Also returning are seniors Evan Franken (6-6) and Jeff Nielsen (6-4) and sophomores Kevin McDermott, George Schroeder, and Larry Mulder.

The Jackrabbits will be chasing their fifth league championship in seven years, but will be facing favorites North Dakota and Augustana College in another hot battle.

CENTRAL MISSOURI STATE

Central Missouri State is looking to improve on its 12-14 overall record of last season but State's only returning starter is 6-4 Deon Kayhill who averaged 16.6 points and 10.0 rebounds.

Expected to start for the Mules along with Kayhill are Douglas Maple, Elroy Schumacher, Jim Miller and Craig Shour.

MARYMOUNT COLLEGE OF KANSAS

Tiny Marymount—only a few years ago an all female institution—rolled to a 25-3 record last season and an NAIA district championship.

This season again they expect to be strong with NAIA All-Americas Sylvester Cuyler (17.5 points and 10.4 rebounds) and Jim Hearns (17.7 points and 10.6 rebounds) returning. Other possible starters include Wardell Smith (10.2), Tom Reid (6.6), and Prince Frazier (5.2).

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ASHLAND

It just wasn't like an Ashland team to go 13-11 last year, so new coach Joe Gottfried plans to pick up the tradition where it left off at 138-27 over the previous six seasons.

Seven lettermen return for the Eagles, topped by All-American Bill "The Thrill" Higgins. The 6-2 guard averaged 26.1 points per game, hitting 51 per cent of his field goal attempts.

Gottfried shored up the inside game with four new recruits—6-6½ Mariel Roger and 6-7 John Mills from the junior college ranks, and 6-8 prep standouts John Mongerson and Rich Steineman.

Higgins' sidekicks at the guards are 6-0 Rick Mosier, who registered eight assists per game, and 6-1 Kirk Minteer. Returning forwards are 6-4 Randy Emmons and 6-6 Roger Remenaric. Other top vets include 6-4 Roger Lyons, 6-4 Mike Westbrooks and 6-2 Larry Miller.

AUGUSTANA

The graduation of four starters dealt a crippling blow to Augustana's hopes of a third consecutive trip to the NAIA's in Kansas City. The Augies had one of the top teams in the country a year ago, finishing 29-2.

The lone returning starter is a dandy—6-11 junior Bruce Hamming, who averaged 12.4 points and 8.7 rebounds. Mike Michaelski, 6-6, and 6-2 Tom Miller figure to start at forward and guard, respectively. Mike Kolze, a 6-0 floor leader, also figures to challenge for a starting berth.

The fifth spot is up for grabs with 6-3 Neil Johnson holding the inside track. Also in the running are 6-2 junior college transfer Rufus Greer,

6-4 Dan Hillesland, 6-2 Cecil Youngblood, 6-6 Bruce Ator, 6-2 Terry Lawrence, 6-2 George Tometitch and 6-4 freshman Reed Johnson

FINDLAY

Lack of a big man may hurt Findlay's chances of a winning season in 1973-74. Coach James Houdeshell plans to rely heavily on freshmen, especially in backup roles to a starting lineup which has some experience.

The likely starters are 6-5 Jerry Davis, the club's leading scorer last year (15.6), No. 6 scorer 6-3 Keith Miller; plus 5-11 John Simmons (6.8), 6-4 Dave Maisch and 6-2 Kim Bryan.

The frosh recruits are 6-4 Gary Burton, 5-11 Robin Long, 6-1 Ron Treece, 6-5 Ken Michaels, 6-2 Dan Grothous, 6-1 Gary Wade and 5-11 Kerry Mithcell.

WITTENBERG

Wittenberg has its starting back court returning, but will need lots of help up front if it hopes to come close to last season's mark of 19-4 which included the co-championship of the regular season Ohio Conference.

The biggest chore will be to replace 6-5 center Pat Beasley, the second leading career scorer, who never missed starting a game in four seasons.

Back at guard are 6-2 Eddie Ford, the leading scorer (13.2) and 5-10 Steve Moore (5.7). Don Lynam (10.1) will be most likely joined up front by 6-6 Gary Lewis (4.0) and one of three new recruits, 6-4 Rich White, 6-6 Ken Hoffman or 6-5 Clyde Eberhardt. Other possibilities are 5-10 Tom Dunn and 6-2 James Evans.

WAYNE STATE

Bob Samaras, who posted four Canadian National championship takes over at Wayne State and plans to institute his "Blitz Basketball" program.

He'll have 6-5 center-forward James Newsom (8.3), a two year regular, and 6-2 swingman Gene Seaborn (8.7) back as returning starters.

Reserve guards Herm McKalpain, and Helmuth Peindl will get first crack at jobs in the back court. Another junior, 6-3 swingman Tony Bertoni, could help; 6-2 Dave Guinane, 5-11 Ron Teasley are the best up from the reserves. Two-year reserve Dan Sanders is the team's tallest returnee at 6-6.

The biggest problem will be replacing Bob Solomon and his 26 points and 12.5 rebounds a game.

AUGSBURG

The return of three starters gives new coach Erv Inninger, a good nucleus around which to build for the coming campaign.

The trio are Bart Davidson (7.9 points and 5.6 rebounds), Jeff Dahl (9.0 points and 9.2 rebounds) and Jeff Nessler (6.0). The best of the newcomers is 6-7 freshman Dave Cornell. Augsburg finished 20-5 a year ago.

CASE WESTERN RESERVE

Nine returning lettermen, combined with a good freshman crop, offer an optimistic outlook at CWRU this season. Heading up the list of returnees is Russ Drake, the leading scorer a year ago (21.9) and Harvey Clough (10.3 points and 7.0 rebounds).

Other likely starters are James Mack, Jim LaBarr and Lee DiGeronimo. Best of the recruits are 6-10 Bob Davis, 6-8 Tom Allen, 6-7 Keith Sechelr and 6-6 Brian Barnes. Other new yearlings are Barry Root, John Susi, Alex Milanich, Phil Hahn, Greg Parks and Tim Humphrey.

BALDWIN-WALLACE

Heading the list of returning lettermen for Baldwin-Wallace in an attempt to better last season's performance of 6-19 are Don Jette, Everett Heard and Don Rybarczyk. Jutte, the only Yellow Jacket to play in all 25 games, averaged 7.9 points and pulled down 144 rebounds. Heard and Rybarczyk formed the starting back court, averaging 9.0 points and 5.0 points, respectively.

The starting forward jobs will probably go to Bob Koval (2.2) and Jim English (5.5) with Dave Toetz (4.0) in reserve. Up from the JVs are Bill Fletcher, Ken Kubach, Terry O'Malley and Dennis Sullivan.

AKRON

When a team loses eight lettermen, including three starters from a squad that was 68-16 over the past three years, then it's evident that this is a rebuilding season at Akron. Head coach Wyatt Webb finds only four lettermen returning, and none over 6-5 from a team that was 22-5.

Buoying Webb's hopes are returning starting guards Larry Jenkins and Nate Barnett. Jenkins was second in scoring (14.4) while Barnett hit at an 8.3 norm.

Joining the two will be 6-5 Earlie Dixon and 6-0 George McClain, both lettermen. The fifth spot is up for grabs among Rick White, Aaron Henry and Mike Laterza.

YOUNGSTOWN

With the return of eight lettermen, Youngstown basketball coach Don Roselli anticipates a reversal of last season's 11-13 mark. Add to that four highly regarded frosh and the mentor has the makings of another post season team and a chance to fatten up his 456-282 career record.

Junior forward Phil Gaston is the top returning scorer. He averaged 7.6 points and 6.1 rebounds. Bill McMeans led the rebounders with a 7.6 norm and also averaged 7.1 points. Guard Dave Burkholder averaged 8.3 points, followed by John Reed (6.3) Ron Romine (6.6), Jim Hood (5.2) Bob Krizancic (4.4) and Claude Bentley (4.2).

Top recruits include 6-7½ Gary Anderson, 6-7 Dave Cousart and 6-4 Anthony Mitchell.

STEUBENVILLE

With his top six players returning off the nation's top defensive team (43.8 points per game) and after Steubenville's most successful season in a decade, coach Ed Sparling has reason to be optimistic about 1973-74.

Main cogs in the Baron attack are 5-10 Jim Garrigan (4th all-time scorer 13.2) and 6-5 Jim Foster (13.4 points and 9.8 rebounds.)

Other starters back from the 22-7 squad are Tim Hirten (6.9), Will Adams (5.9) and Dave Clarke (4.9). Ron Spozio is the top reserve.

BEMIDJI STATE

Bemidji State's basketball outlook is bleak when one considers that four of last season's top six players were lost through graduation. Coach Dave Dutchins has two solid performers: 5-10 Frank Kopetka, who led the 19-7 team in scoring (14.0) and Randy Gross (9.0 points and 9.1 rebounds).

Other lettermen on hand include 6-6 Larry Bunnell, 6-1 Jerry Benson and 6-3 Tom Peffer.

EARLHAM

A rebuilding job is underway at Earlham with only one starter back from last season—Joe Rosner (9.8 points and 7.0 rebounds).

Other likely starters are Warren Boyd, Bill Burns, Randy Clevenger, and Rick Cox, although frosh Steve Smithley, Kent Jofaker, Mark Drabenstott and Bill Land will be given a long look-see. ●

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BRANDEIS

The back court should be the Brandeis strength with John Perry, the leading scorer (19.3) returning. He should be helped by Mike Fahey, who was injured most of last season. Glenn Wong is a good reserve.

Up front for coach Bob Brannum's team will be Richard Rush and Wes Cotter, who averaged 11.3 points and 9.8 points, respectively.

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT

The outlook is not good at Central Connecticut for coach Bill Detrick, who enters his 15th year. The top returnee is 5-10 guard Ken Parciak, who was sixth man a year ago.

Moving into the starting lineup will be 6-3 Rich Kichnet, 6-1 Chet McDonough and 6-8 John Ellsworth. A boost could come from 6-5 JC transfer Dan Jones, with some hope that help will be provided by frosh Steve Chotiner and Hinchey.

BENTLEY

With a 50-5 record over the last two years, including two NCAA Regional Final appearances and top ten in the national polls, the forecast is for more of the same. For the third consecutive year, the Falcons will be led by guards Brian Hammel (17.3) and Tom Cockill (9.7). Also back is 6-8 forward Al Grenfell (14.9 points and 10.8 rebounds).

Sophomore Mark Shea (5.8) and either freshman Bill Anderson or 6-5 yearling Marv Bricketto, will round out the starting team. Ronnie Robinson, is another frosh with a chance to start.

Bentley is the class team of New England and will remain so until knocked from the throne. A repeat of last season's 24-3 mark is possible.

COLBY

With five regulars back, colby could surpass its 15-9 mark of last season and that represented the most wins since 1954.

Leading the way is 6-4 junior forward Brad Moore, who averaged 22.8 points and 15.2 rebounds. He'll be joined up front by Steve Colella (16.8 points and 10.0 rebounds) and Gerald McDowell.

In the back court, James Glover and Thomas Sullivan, who averaged 10.4 points and 8.8 points, respectively, will start with Bill Clay in reserve.

TRINITY

After several lean seasons, Trinity should rank among the top small college squads in New England. Six of seven top players are back from a club which was 9-10.

Trinity has two outstanding sophomores in Wayne Sokolosky (14.2) and Othar Burks (16.5). The Bantams will also have three seasoned big men back in Nat Williams, Jim Sumuler and Bill Fenkel.

MIDDLEBURY

Middlebury coach Tom Lawson, who has turned out winning teams the last three years, looks to the upcoming campaign with optimism. With the return of Dave Pentkowski, the team's MVP, at one guard and Kevin Cummings, at the other, there's a strong back court.

Up front he has 6-7 Dave Davidson, along with forwards Jack Kirsch and Dave Nelson. Greg Harvey is a backup guard.

Two freshman who should see plenty of action are Bill Blankemeier and Zenon Smotrycz.

PLYMOUTH STATE

The outlook for Plymouth State is promising. Counteracting the lack of height will an experienced crew.

Likely starters are Gilbert Burghardt and Bruce Johnson at the guards, Philip Rowe and Robert Coulombe at forward and Michael Hanley at center. Top frosh recruits are Gil Burghardt and Chuck Vanderstreet.

HARTFORD

Things are bright at Hartford, where the Hawks—17-7 last year—have now played in two post-season tournaments with predominately young squads.

Heading the returning vets are 6-5 Peter Egan and Charles Harding, a 5-10 guard. Egan averaged 18.4 points and 11.3 rebounds, while Harding scored at a 10.4 norm.

Other returnees are Phil Levesque, Gary LaRocque, Steve Scheerer, Clarence Love, Ed Generous and two top yearlings, Mike Klimas and Steve Litke.

MERRIMACK

The Warriors will have another young team, struggling to surpass last season's 8-18 mark. The top performers are Tom Connor, Ron Walsh and Kevin Feighery to go with leading rebounder Larry Hoberson.

Others who should help are Frank Kasyan, Gary Monahan, Dave Emerson, Wayne Harper and Walter Makiej.

SAINT ANSELM'S

St. Anselm's coach Joe Ford anticipates a real shot at a winning season but feels he is still a year away in his rebuilding program.

Likely starters will have to include 6-4 John McMenamin (17.0), 6-5 John Dombrowski (5.1) and 6-3 Kevin Kennedy.

Top frosh recruits include Jim Miller, Ed Shannon and Greg Liddell.

AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL

"The Thin Man," 6-6 Darryl Johnson will be the key in American International College's season. A year ago, he led the Yellow Jackets in scoring (19.9) and rebounding (16.8). Johnson was the Most Valuable in the Hall of Fame Tournament.

AIC should rebound from a 9-15 season. Coach Hilton White has all his starters back—Curtis Whittle (11.4), Gary Grodzicki (8.6), Murray Hertzberg (6.5) and Skip Thompson (6.2).

NICHOLS

Nichols suffered through a 5-15 season when at times as many as four freshmen were in the starting lineup. Gary McNulty returns with 999 career points.

One of the main problems facing coach Linc MacDonald is the lack of height. The probable starters are McNulty, and sophomores Dave French, Don Leonard, John Crimmin and Kevin McNulty.

Junior Rick Weiss or sophomore John Vogel may frack the starting five.

BOWDOIN

Bowdoin will have eight returning lettermen from a squad that won only three games and lost 15. Gone are the top two scorers.

Up front the Polar Bears will have Warren Geier (7.2) and Bob Jackson (4.7). Another top forward candidate will be Tom Mills (2.6). Rick Swann, who averaged 14.2 points with the frosh could move up from.

Another sophomore 6-4 Steve Alexander, who hit at a 14.7 norm for the frosh, is one of the leading candidates for a guard position. Other possibilities are Charlie Thalheimer, Dan Vogt and Mike Whitcomb.

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starters returning for the 1973-74 season, but one of these will be the school's all-time leading scorer for a season.

Heading the list of returnees is 5-7 senior guard Hoegie Simmons, who averaged 25.1 last season despite a mid-year injury that handicapped him for much of the remainder of the 1972-73 season. Still he led the Lone Star Conference in scoring and became A&I's all-time leading scorer for a season. He also set a dozen other single-game and season marks for the squad including leading the team in field goal shooting with a 49.6 percentage.

Also returning is forward Larry Mabry, a two-year starter, and 6-9 center Steve Weems, a senior.

New players will be Juco transfers Greg Padgett and Jeff St. Claire. Frosh prospects are David Hobson, Gary Snowden, Art Shipp, Danny Kaspar, Kim Harper and Ricky Calhoun.

The Javelinas will be trying to improve a 13-14 record of the last campaign in a league that boasts several of the nation's top college division teams.

EAST TEXAS STATE

Despite the loss of two starters, East Texas State will return two very promising sophs who led the Lions in scoring last season when both were frosh. O'Neal Tarrant (17.7) earned "Freshman of the year" honors in the Lone Star Conference and Hugo Cabrera ended as the second leading scorer (12.1) and rebounder. They will again be counted on for major roles.

Replacing the graduates will be recruits Tom Corley and Randy Womack. Sophomore Warren Korecky (6-5) should figure in the picture. The center spot should be buoyed by the return of 6-7 Dean Thomas, who sat out last year. Starting center Otis Cobb (6-7) returns.

It looks like the Lions will move among the front runners in the LSC and improve on their 9-17 season of last year.

TRINITY

Pete Murphy enters his second season as head coach at Trinity trying to develop a sound basketball program which will lead the Tigers into major college competition.

Last year was Trinity's first outside the Southland Conference and the club experienced the problems of having to play a lot of games on the road.

This year, missing only their starting center from last year's 14-11 club (Trinity's first winning season in three years), the Tigers should be pretty sound.

Coach Murphy's run-and-gun offense revolves around the outside shooting of his son Bob (leading scorer the past two seasons) and the inside play of forwards Dennis Werner and Randall Pugh. Bob Murphy averaged 20.3 points per game during the 1972-73 season while Pugh turned up 12.8 points and 8.5 rebounds. Werner matched closely with 11.3 points and 8.2 bounds.

Alan Kirkes (6.6) and Jon Morris (6.4), who alternated at the other guard position last year, and Brad Wolfe (3.5), a super-sub at posts in '73 will likely fill the other regular roles with Phil Miller (8.1) ready to relieve either at the forward or guard spots.

Height is the only real weakness as the tallest man returning this eason is 6-6.

ST. MARY'S

St. Mary's, under head coach Ed Messbarger, has won seven straight Big State Conference championships. The 1972-73 team won 23, including a streak of 16 wins before the playoff with Sam Houston State, and lost seven. The Rattlers lost seven lettermen from that team. However, they will have back seven lettermen, including six who must be considered starters.

These returnees include 6-5 Gary Tomaszewski who led the team scoring 17.6 points and 9.8 rebounds per game as a sophomore. Gary made all conference, all-district NAIA and third team all-American. He has outstanding prospects for the remaining two years of his college career.

Tom Mills (6-8½) has developed rapidly and should make an A-1 ball player, according to coach Messbarger. Also returning are Dennis Carter, George Harris, John Campbell, 6-9 David Bulik and Ron Rimmey.

Messbarger has also recruited two good frosh prospects, 6-5 Robert Reid and 6-1 Roy Leggett, both all-district and all-city in San Antonio.

ABILENE CHRISTIAN

The Wildcats have a new head coach, a new offense and a new conference.

The new coach is Willard Tate. The new offense is a run-and-shoot style of play that he brought with him from Alabama Christian.

Lacking the big man to control the game, Tate plans to make up for that deficit with a scrappy, hustling team which thrives on quickness and aggressiveness.

The new coach inherits six returning lettermen including two starters from a team that posted a 6-20 mark last winter. The starters are 6-6½ junior forward Andrew Prince (15.6 points, 9.4 rebounds) and 6-3 sophomore guard Bobby Ortega (8.9). Prince was the second leading scorer and rebounder last winter.

The remaining lettermen are 6-8 forward Mark Hayes (3.4), 6-8 center Greg McElvy (1.9), 6-6 forward Darrell Hearne (3.3) and 6-4 guard-forward Gene Hudson (4.8).

Two JC transfers, 6-2 guard Paul Palmer and 5-9 Jeremiah James will join JV veterans Gary Womack and Steve Kessler and redshirt Stan Lambert to round out the squad.

ARKANSAS TECH

1973 will be a definite rebuilding year under the new coaching regime of head coach Ted Lyons and assistant Stan Butler, both Arkansas Tech alums.

The Wonder Boys have a premier player returning in Gene Grant, a 6-2 jumping jack from Georgia. Grant won All-AIC and All-Dist. 17 NAIA honors while winning the conference rebounding championship. He averaged 13.6 rebounds and 18.3 points for Tech's first losing team in many years. Prospects aren't too bright for a contender since size is lacking; but the Wonder Boys could surprise along the way if one or two of a bevy of eager young freshmen blossom.

Seniors Jim Cunningham (7.8) and Bobby Fursatter (6.5) and junior James "Cheese" Mackey (8.6) should supply some needed savvy along with keen shooting eyes. Hustling sophomore Randy Hamilton can spark a team as he so aptly demonstrated in one of Tech's rare victories (over Sooner powerhouse Cameron State) last season.

Transfers who could help immensely are Mike Boone, 6-2 all-Mississippi guard from Northwest J.C.; Butch Martin, 6-2 guard from Harrison via the U.S. Naval Academy; and Doug Causey, 6-7 and 225 pounds. Tech hasn't been blessed with one his size since John Gross graduated three years ago. Martin and Causey won't be eligible until the spring semester but Boone brings experience that is immediately available.

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DePAUL

Ray Meyer, the second winningest coach in the country is headed toward the charmed 500 circle (478) but it looks like it will take until 1974-75 before he achieves the mark.

The Blue Demons of DePaul were 14-12 a year ago and have a good nucleus back. It should be a winning season and maybe a bid to a post season tournament. However, the schedule is just too tough to expect anything near a 22-victory campaign.

DePaul is especially tough in the back court where both Greg Boyd and Jim Bocinsky return. Boyd led the Demons in scoring a year ago (17.6) while Bocinsky hit at a 7.3 clip.

Andy Pancratz, a 6-9 sophomore moves into the important center spot and should do well. As a freshman, he averaged 3.3 points a game, mostly in limited roles.

Bill Robinzine, 6-7, who averaged 13.6 points and a little over 10 rebounds a game, heads up the forward contingent, which will also include Jeff Payne, returning after a year's absence. Jim Marino missed last season, too, after serving as a regular with the Demons two seasons ago.

"We have the experience, depth and better all around talent now than we have had in many years," said Meyer. "I think we can now compete with almost any team in the country."

DAYTON

Led by outstanding guard Con Smith, Dayton appears headed toward a winning season and back into the national limelight the Flyers have enjoyed for so many years.

Coach Don Donoher, starting his 10th campaign, has three starters back and three others who saw a great deal of action a year ago when the Flyers were 13-31.

The offense will be built around Smith, the 6-0 senior, who decided to return to school and pass up a chance to play pro ball with the Kentucky Colonels (No. 1 undergraduate pick). Smith averaged 23.4 points a game and was the nation's best free throw shooter (.910).

He'll most likely be teamed in the backcourt with incoming freshman, John Davis, who hit at a 31 point per game norm as a senior in Detroit.

Up front, 6-5 Mike Sylvester and 6-8 John Von Lehman appear to have starting jobs clinched. Sylvester averaged 16.6 points a game a year ago, alternating between guard and forward. He made .519 percent of his field goal attempts. Von Lehman hit at an 8.3 norm and he, too, had an excellent shooting year (.510).

The other starting spot will be battled for by three men who all saw action at forward last season—6-8 Allen Elijah (6.5), 6-8 Joe Fisher (5.1) and 6-8 Rick Thalls (5.2).

"Lack of rebounding hurt us the most last year, but I think we'll be improved in that area this season due to added experience, "said Donoher. "We're a good shooting team (47 per cent) and Smith is a great leader."

MARSHALL

Only one starter returns for Marshall and coach Bob Daniels will have to reap the fruit of an excellent recruiting year to come close to matching last season's mark of 20-7, which included a berth in the National Invitation Tournament.

Randy Noll, Mike D'Antoni, Ty Collins and Bill James, all averaging in double figures, aren't back. The nucleus of the Thundering Herd will be 6-8 senior center Wayne Smith, who averaged 9.9 points.

Marshall will have strength at the guards in 6-3 senior Greg Imperi (2.9), 6-3 junior Eric Bachelor (3.5) and 6-0 ball handler Joe Hickman (1.8).

A pair of rebounding forwards will be needed to fit into Marshall's high power offense. The answer could come from 6-5 junior Frank Austin (1.1) or 6-6 sophomore Bill Mannefeld (0.6).

Among the newcomers who could step in right away are 6-5 junior college transfer Jack Battle and 6-5 Dave Reavis, who many thought was the second best player in the D.C., area last season behind Adrian Dantley.

The other recruits are 6-2 Kenny Hurst, 6-3 Charlie Novak and 6-7 Jim Shivers, whose career is somewhat up in the air following an off-season auto accident.

All in all, it looks like a down year at Marshall.

CINCINNATI

This will be a rebuilding year at Cincinnati. The Bearcats have only one bona fide starter among the 10 lettermen returning from last season's 17-9 squad.

That returnee is a dandy, 6-5 senior wing Lloyd Batts, who averaged 20.1 points and 8.7 rebounds a game and became only the third player in the school's history to get 1,000 career points in his first two varsity seasons.

Coach Gale Catlett's fast break offense is ideal for 6-0 Dan Murphy and 6-7 inside man Jesse Jemison, both of whom have been off and on starters in their previous two campaigns.

If he chose, Catlett could field a starting Quintet by adding a pair of adequate reserve, 6-8 inside man Mike Franklin, and 6-6 Mark Brackman. Seniors Ron Hightower and Allen Hmiel, both 6-5, will be the top subs as the wing positions.

Any of the three sophs could make the grade eventually. However, 6-4 Mike Artis, 6-4 Hal Lanier and 6-2 Garry Kamstra first have to gain experience.

Room may have to be found for a couple of exceptional freshmen prospects, 6-4 guard Jim Webb, who averaged 23.8 points, 12.4 rebounds and six assists, and 6-5 Brian Williams (23 points and 13 rebounds). The other recruits, 6-6 Joe Stallworth, 6-8 Joe Stalma and 6-9 Paul Fazekas will probably play with the Jayvees.

EASTERN MICHIGAN

Eastern Michigan's 1973-74 cage fortunes will be highly dependent on the degree of improvement of last season's rookie crop and the input new recruits make this fall.

After several seasons of high national ranking on the college division front, the Hurons moved to University Division status in 1972 with a completely depleted roster.

Through much of the campaign, first year head coach Al Freund was dependent on three freshmen in this starting lineup. These young cagers performed admirably but the team could not escape its first losing season in a decade dropping to a 8-17 record.

Freund will lose only one man off his entire 72-73 roster through graduation, 6-6 forward Len Cole.

Heading the returnees will be Gary Tyson, a 5-11 senior guard from Detroit. Tyson ended the 72-73 season with the third best scoring average in EMU history, 23.5 points per-game. Five times he topped the 30 point mark.

Back with Tyson will be senior guard Johnny Foreman, whose biggest asset is his quickness on defense, 6-4 forward Walt Jones, 6-8 center John Stover, and 6-0 guard Dan Hoff. The latter three will be sophomores this fall.

Freund also expects help from junior college transfer Larry Walls. A 6-6 graudate of Ypsilanti High School, just a few blocks from the Eastern Michigan campus, Walls developed late as a cager and starred last season at Washtenaw Community College where he averaged 31.7 points per-game. He was second among all junior college scorers in the nation. Freund also hopes to get some bench depth from seven freshmen recruits.

DETROIT

Give Detroit's new basketball coach Dick Vitale a couple of seasons and he'll have the Titans battling for supremacy in the Midwest. The energetic Vitale is a super recruiter, who has already shown some promise with his addition at Detroit, despite such a late start.

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Vitale also has three returning starters from around which to build his club. They are 6-7 forward Owen Wells (14.2 points and 9.0 rebounds), 6-0 guard Chester Wilson (7.9) and 6-7 forward Terry Thomas (7.2).

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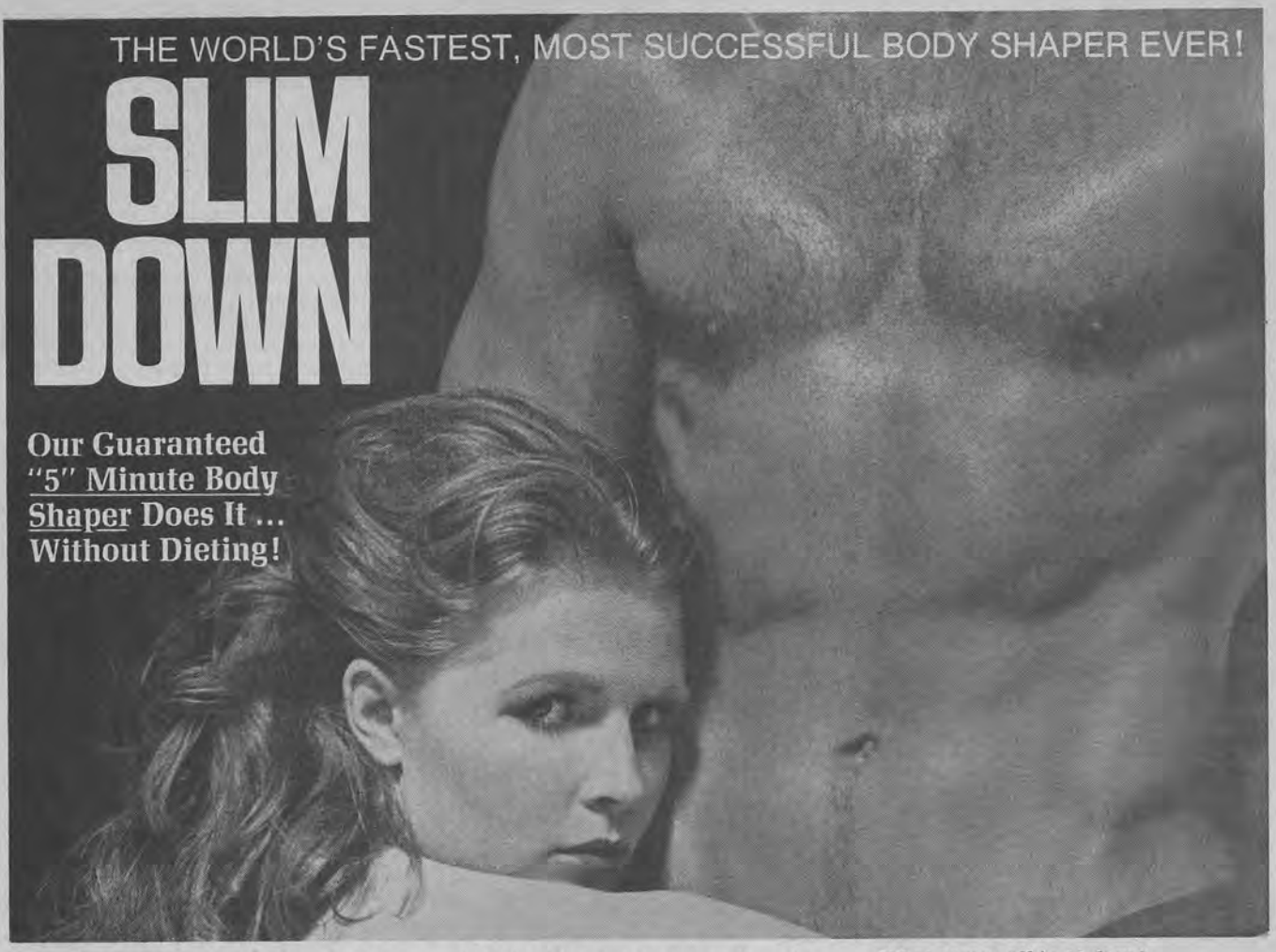

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XAVIER

New coach Tay Baker, who had his share of winners at Cincinnati, takes over a sagging program at Xavier. He'll emphasize the defense that made the Bearcats famous.

Returning are seniors Steve Penhorwood, Scotty Franklin, Tom Skaleski, Robbie Williams and Tilt Willis; juniors Jim Rippe, Pete Accetta, Gary Deidrick and Jerry Foley. Mike Plunkett, a transfer from Georgia will be eligible and up from the freshman ranks are Dave Plunkett, Ron Laker, Gary Holle and Mark Wilson.

"We're going to have to scramble against teams which will have a lot of height on us," said Baker. "I am going to use players who are going to go out there and hustle."

Penhorwood, a 6-4 guard, is the leading returnee. He averaged 8.6 points a game, but shot only .396 from the floor. He'll probably team with 6-3 Rippe (7.5), shooting .381.

Deidrick, a 6-4 forward, will probably team with Accetta, 6-6, who averaged 5.6 points and 5.8 points, respectively.

The center job will likely be handled by either Dave Plunkett, who averaged 12.8 points and 11.3 rebounds with the JVs or freshmen Anthony Hubbard. Jerry Foley, a 6-9 junior, is another possibility.

Since Xavier was 3-23 last season, Baker would be considered a genius if he won eight or nine games with this team.

ILLINOIS STATE

Illinois State lost All-American Doug Collins, but just about everyone else is back. Seven lettermen return for coach Will Robinson's fourth year.

The Redbirds' youth was evident in their 13-12 mark, with flipflop mark of 11-1 at home, 1-11 on the road and 1-0 on a neutral court.

The seniors are 6-11 center Ron deVries, who ranked 11th with a school record of 14.8 rebounds (12.2 points), 6-9 Stepney Bacon and 6-8 Clarence Weaver, who saw some starting duty two seasons ago.

The front court will probably have deVries in the middle with 6-7 junior Calvin Harper (6.5 points and 9.1 rebounds) and 6-6½ St. Louis transfer Jeff Jones at the forwards.

Additional backup help will be provided by Jeff Wilkins, a 7-0, 250-pound freshman, and 6-6 Jeff Widdel, another yearling.

The back court promises to be solid, even with the loss of Collins. Robert "Bubbles" Hawkins cracked the starting lineup as a freshman and averaged 11.9 points. Hawkins has the potential to become one of the nation's greatest guards. Junior Rick Whitlow (9.8) figures as the other starter, but look out for 6-4½ sophomore Roger Powell (9.6), another of the Redbirds' prep all-Americans.

This shapes up as a pretty good team-if it learns to win on the road.

CLEVELAND STATE

The young kids from Cleveland State are a year more experienced and appear ready to make their mark on Midwestern basketball. Coach Ray Dieringer counted four sophomores and a freshman among his top seven men last season when his Vikings scrapped to a 9-14 campaign.

Now the experience is there, led by 6-4 junior Gale Drummer, who set CSU scoring (426 points) and field goal accuracy (51.8 percent) records. Junior Pat Lyons who started every game, averaging 13.0 returns at the other forward and 6-0 junior Chuck Spieles, will be the playmaker.

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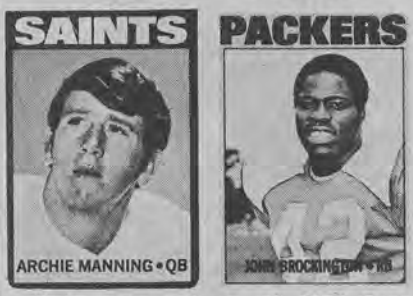

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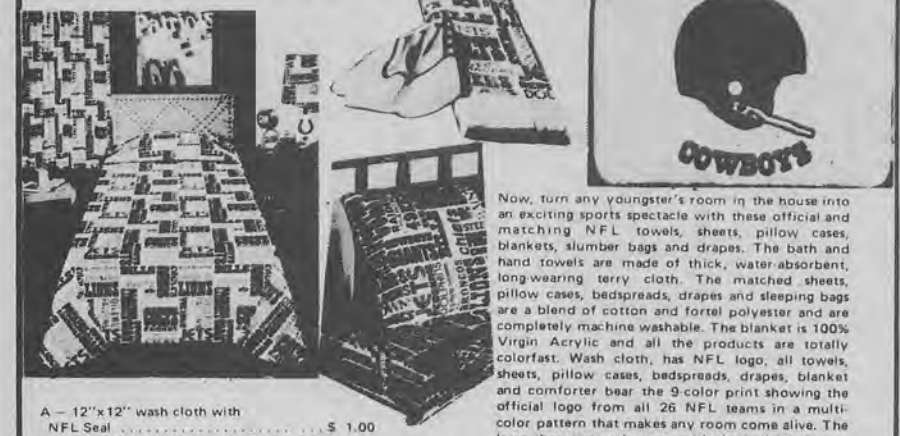

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Back to replace the lone departed regular (6-6 Matt Taylor) is 6-8 senior Dan Lee, who averaged 16.1 points two seasons ago, but was sidelined by the books after eight games last year.

Behind this group are 6-2 guard Ron Andregg, 6-5 forward John Major and 6-2 guard Dave Dronzek.

NOTHERN ILLINOIS

Despite the loss of 6-10 Jim Bradley (as a result of an NCAA ruling) for the first nine games of the season, Nothern Illinois first year coach Emory Luck is enthusiastic about prospects for a sixth straight Huskie winning campaign.

Bradley's absence will accentuate the early development of several newcomers in concert with seven other returning lettermen.

It appears that the Huskies will have a capable front line with 6-5 Dan McDowell, 6-6 Bill Newton and 6-5 Tim Bryant, the leading candidates for the forward spots. McDowell averaged 7.2 points and 7.1 rebounds as a starter.

Bob Patterson, a 6-8 reserve letterman (1.4) and 6-8 junior college transfer Dwayne Caldwell, are the top two candidates in the middle. Of course, Bradley, who averaged 23.4 points and 17.8 rebounds last year, will solve many, many problems when he rejoins the club.

The area of most concern is the back court where the Huskies lost three players, including leading scorer Billy Harris.

Floyd Williams, 6-2, a letterman two seasons ago, was redshirted in 1972-73. He'll take over one of the guard assignments. Gerald Coleman, a 6-6 sophomore, is the leading candidate for the other back court spot.

Two weeks after Bradley returns, luck will get another boost when 6-5 Bob Larsen becomes eligible.

Coming off back-to-back 21-4 and 17-8 seasons, NIU figures to be strongest with Bradley and McDowell at forwards, Caldwell in the middle and either Williams or Coleman and Larsen in the back court.

EVANSVILLE

Coach Arad McCutchan's Evansville team could be as good as the 1971-72 unit that appeared in the NCAA College Division Tournament.

MCCutchan, who has coached more College Division NCAA championship teams (5) than anyone, expects this to be a very excellent squad.

The Purple Aces have eight players returning who started in at least one game last year plus several who saw a considerable amount of reserve duty.

Top candidates for the guard positions are Ed Shelby and Keith Huff, both regulars a year ago. Shelby averaged 5.9 points and Huff 3.5. Freshman Mike Platt may also challenge as he gains experience.

The Aces are blessed with a large number of quality forwards, including last year's leading scorer Jerry Conard (13.9), 6-7 sophomore sensation Don Wheeler (9.5) and Mike Meyerrose (4.8). Freshman Jeff Frey is expected to play a big part in the Evansville plans, too. Other top flight returnees are Tim Skinner and Roger Duncan.

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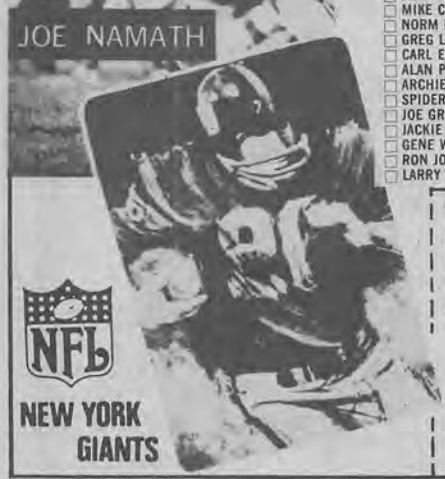

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Picked to finish in the middle of the pack, coach George Theofanis' Butler club emerged as the surprise team in the Indiana Collegiate Conference, picking up a share of the league championship.

Back are five lettermen and a host of other returnees. The top holdover has to be 6-7 center Daryl Mason, who averaged only 8.2 points a game but set two rebounding records (26 in a game and 354 for the year.)

Marty Monserez, 6-6, another rugged rebounder, returns at a forward spot. He hit at a 10.3 norm. Jeff Williams, who broke the all time Butler freshman scoring record a year ago (10.4 as a sophomore) is back at a guard spot.

This will be Theofanis' fourth Butler team and he's the first to admit "it'll be my quickest and fastest. This team will be able to do some things last year's couldn't because of speed. We'll be a running club."

Besides the trio of Mason, Williams and Monserez, the Butler coach is relying on others to bolster the attack. Among them are Indiana's 1972 "Mr. Basketball" Phil Cox, who saw only limited action last year after joining the club at mid-semester, and 5-10 North Carolina State transfer Carl Life.

Others who could help are 6-6 Craig Reinhardt, 6-1 Billy Lynch, 6-3 Dave Speckamn, 6-7 Bob Harris and 6-0 Dave Goddard.

DE PAUW

De Pauw University will have four starters returning from its 1972-73 team that finished with an 8-18 mark. The only missing person will be MVP Gary Pittenger who wasn't big (6-3) but was aggressive and finished his career as DePauw's second leading all-time scorer.

Back for Coach Elmer MCCall will be all-Indiana Collegiate Conference second team guard, 6-3 Joe LeFevre, Elkhart, Ind., (18.5 ppg), his running mate 5-11 John Chin, Marion, Ind. (8.5 ppg), plus four front line men. These four front liners all started at one time or another during 1972-73, but a run of injuries progressively sidelined three of them, two for the balance of the campaign.

They include 6-5, 205 pound center Kyle Fort (10.5 ppg), Indianapolis; 6-6 Orrin Bargerhuff (7.5 ppg), Hartford City, Ind.; 6-5 Steve McCabe, (9.5 ppg), Fort Wayne, Ind.; and 6-1 Tracy Ellis (9.3 ppg), Indianapolis.

Coach Elmer McCall can also call on sophomore Joe Jessup, 6-6 versatile forward who came on strong at the end of the 1972-73 season and scored 18 points in one relief half. He prepped on Anderson Madison Heights' final four.

Potentially, this will be De'Pauw's biggest team since 1967-68 when the Tigers shared the ICC crown and went on to the NCAA College Division tourney. Bargerhuff, who weighs 210 pounds, and Jessup, at 185, could be real comers for the Tigers who also will have the nucleus of their best freshman team (9-4 record last year) to draw on.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

A pair of highly-celebrated 1973 recruits are being counted on to help the basketball picture at Southern Illinois University.

They are Perry "Sweet Pea" Hines, a 6-3 first-team junior college allAmerican from Lakeland (Ill.) JC, and Mike Glenn, a 6-3 high school all-American from Georgia.

"Last year, we sorely missed good outside shooters," Saluki coach Paul Lambert spoke of SIU's 11-15 record in 1972-73. "And both Hines and Glenn are excellent shooters."

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Following a mediocre start as a sophomore, Meriweather averaged 17.1 points and 12 rebounds per game for the year, and enjoyed single-contest highs of 37 and 23 in those departments, respectively.

Lambert also can look for help from part-time starters from a year ago, 6-7 George Thompson and 6-3 Eddie James, both seniors, and 6-4 Tim Ricci and 6-2 Rickey Boynton, a pair of juniors.

Three other newcomers are being considered in the Salukis' 1973-74 picture. They are 6-4 David Monfort, a junior college transfer, and 6-7 Corky Abrams, another high school all-American from Georgie, and Ed Benton, 6-8 sophomore.

Hines was the sixth-leading juco scorer in the nation in 1973 with his 28.4 average. Glenn was picked as the No. 1 schoolboy star in the state of Georgia.

BALL STATE

Ball State returns its starting lineup intact, but the Cardinals are still lacking the rebounding necessary to battle most of their opponents.

Second year coach Jim Holstein is set at guard with senior Larry Bullington and junior Bob Faulkner, along with newcomer Kim Kaufman. Bullington was the nation's 11th leading scorer last season with a 25.9 average and finished seventh in free throw percentage (.865). Faulkner averaged 8.3 points in the playmaker role while Kaufman, a former Indiana high school all-stater, transferred from Rice where he was a starter as a sophomore.

Bill Clark begins his third campaign at center, averaging 11.8 points and 11.9 rebounds after joining the team nine games into the 1972-73 season.

Joining Clark on the front line are Chris Collins and Shafer Suggs. Collins, a 6-7 senior, scored at a 14-point clip two years ago, dropping off to 9.6 last season. Suggs, a starting cornerback on the Ball State football team, broke into the lineup last year as a freshman and responded by averaging 12 points and eight rebounds a game.

The needed rebounding support could come from a trio of sophomores in the persons of 6-10 Dennis Carroll, 6-8 Kim Arnett or 6-7 Larry Heinbaugh. All three saw limited action with last year's 9-15 squad.

WABASH

With the five starters returning and five first line substitutes backing them u0, Wabash should improve its record of 7-16. Coach Clarence "Snowy" Simpson, who toiled for many years as an assistant as Kansas State, Utah and Penn State, will get the job done. He's one of the best fundamentalists in the country.

The Little Giants had better be improved because early in the season they will play Houston, Arkansas and Texas-El Paso, all on the road.

Leading Wabash will be 5-9 senior Jack Roudebush, who averaged 24.3 points a game last year to lead the Indiana Collegiate Conference. He'll be joined in the back court by Joe Jansen, a 6-4 sophomore (6.4).

Up front Simpson will go with 6-5 senior Vince Johnson (8.2) and 6-5 sophomore Mike Ritter (5.7) at the forwards and 6-6 sophomore Cliff Bell (10.0) and nearly 10 rebounds a game at the post.

Backup help will come from 5-8½ Rick Brown, 6-3 Paul Nysewander and 6-3 Dave Miles, who averaged 5.0, 5.6 and 5.7 points a game, respectively.

Simpson has a long standing reputation as a recruiter and, even under the hardships of trying to get "academically inclined" athletes, managed to come up with 6-9 Duane McKay, 6-6 Randy Schick, 6-5 Scott Bond and 6-3 Joe Howarth.

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which was 14-11, but there is a distinct lack of height.

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Lettermen guards 6-3 Pete Santana (5.8) and 6-0 Bill Hogan (5.3) head a lengthy list of back court candidates, while the remaining two monogram winners fill the forward spots. They are 6-6 Dave Huneryager (14.8 points and 7.9 rebounds) and 6-6 Kyle Wiggs (8.4 points and 8.7 rebounds).

Expected to battle for backup jobs at guard are returnees Rich Badovinich, Stuart Caulkins, George Mills and Ruben Soria, and newcomers Brett Huus, Cyril Benjamin, Bob Carr, Jerry Klamorowski and Ken Schiel.

Subs at forwards figure to be Alan Rockwell and Oliver Mitchell, along with sophomore Carl Joosten and freshman Jum Unverferth. Thordsen will draw promising backup help from 6-6 Greg Stegman. ●

EASTERN SMALLER SCHOOLS

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was 12-5 at one point last season, but collapsed and lost its last six games. The chances of the Ithacans making it over .500 for the third year in a row are slim. The forecast could change though, if Allen, Rohn, Simmons and Nunn come through, and if Downey's shooting skills can partially replace Hollowell's.

RIT

The 1973-74 edition of the RIT basketball team will show a veteran ball club anxious to rebound from a disappointing 8-14 season last year.

Veterans Dan D'Andrea, Bruce Cameron and Ross Brothers will return as well as leading scorer Arnie Cole. D'Andrea, the top rebounder, and Cole won all Conference honors last year. Senior Ron Johnson, junior Pat Reilly and sophs Steve Keating and Greg Slater will give the Tigers a sound nucleus.

RIT will be facing a tougher schedule with the University of Rochester and the Mt. Union Tournament as new additions.

Next season will be RIT's 50th in basketball. This alone will be an incentive for the team to work extra hard.

ST. LAWRENCE

St. Lawrence will return nine lettermen, including three starters from last year's 15-10 squad. Seniors Steve Borowski (6-5, 10.8 points-per game) and Ched Evans (6-3, 10.6 points-per game) are back for their fourth varsity season along with captain Chris Cleveland (6-4, 5.5 points-per game). Borowski, Evans and Cleveland amassed a total of points and 371 rebounds last year and gave the Larries an impressive front line.

Senior Dave Jennings and juniors Clarence Burris and Tony Ross give added depth to the front court.

In the back court juniors Keith Mobley, Don Watkins and sophomore Jim Young will be fighting for a starting berth along with senior Bob Wertter. These four players gained valuable experience last season and should play an important role for the Larries this winter.

St. Lawrence should be able to offset the loss of graduated seniors Jim Jenkins, the team's M.V.P. for the last three years, and backcourt ace Jim Bessette, and go on to another winning campaign.

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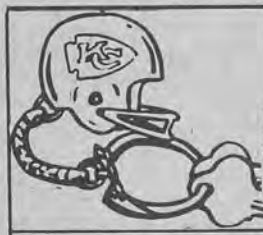

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72 season, it still produced a 17-9 record last year, and competed in the NCAA College Division Eastern regionals. This year there are four starters back.

Returning at the guard spots are seniors Tom Juknis and Tom Gorman. Juknis led the Engineers in scoring last season (16.9) and was named the team's M.V.P. Junior Carey Dassatti (6-5), an ICAC selection and center Jim Dunn (6-10) are the other returning starters. Dassatti averaged 15.4 points a game last year while Dunn was the top rebounder.

Battling for the other forward slot are sophomore Mike McDonnell, junior Dave Sabatka and senior Ed Cook. The bench should be a strong point for RPI with junior forward Bill Susetka and soph guard Dan Veith.

ADELPHI

Adelphi coach Marv Kessler has what may be the best team ever assembled at the school. Since last season's 17-10 squad included no seniors at all, this year's team will include the 11 lettermen who are back with added experience, plus at least one frosh who figures to start.

The club is led by Don Galloway, who averaged 18.3 points and hit 59 per cent from the floor. Tom McGee (7.1) and Frank Rizzo (7.4) also return at guard where they alternated. At forward Tod Kobishyn (8.5), Al Maddaleno (7.7), and Neal Rosenberg (3.5) join sophomore Dave Graff (6.4).

Kessler expects big things from 6-4 freshman Albert King, who hit for 20 points and grabbed better than 12 rebounds. King should aid by possibly starting at forward and also taking some pressure off center Bill Johnson (10.1 points and 9.9 rebounds). Cliff Weeks, Bill Kupec and Doug Schumacher complete the returning lettermen.

SUSQUEHANNA

Coach Barry Keadle will have a squad of 10 lettermen, several good prospects from a JV team with a 13-5 mark and another highly regarded crop of freshmen as Susquehanna shoots for a winning campaign. A year ago, the Crusaders were 10-13, but won seven of their last 11.

Senior guard 6-0 Jimmy Baglin, who averaged 18.1 points, heads the list of returnees. Center 6-6 Dave Long averaged 11.5 points as a freshman and 6-2 Ralph Wolckenhauer, contributed 10.5 points and 8.4 rebounds. Other lettermen are 6-2 Bob Akalski, 6-6 Paul Hinsch, 6-3 Frank Tuschak, 6-0 Joe Prekopa, 6-3 Steve Deck, 6-4 Duncan Blair and 6-1 Mike Timmons.

Up from the JV team are 6-3 Tom McCarty, 6-6 George Erickson, 6-10 Bob Hertzog, 6-4 Dave Atkinson, and 6-4 Bob Buckfelder. The most highly regarded freshman is 6-3 Mike Feeney.

PHILADELPHIA TEXTILE

Herb Magee once again proved that he was one of the best small college coaches in the country last season when he guided Philadelphia Textile to a 26-4 record. Three starters are gone, but the outlook is still excellent.

Returning starters are 6-7 senior Marty Fricko, who averaged 11 points and 10 rebounds, and 6-2 junior guard Kevin Dougherty (9.5).

The addition of Jim Edwards, a 6-6 forward and Peter Mimmo, should add depth to the squad, and may challenge 5-10 senior Jack McCormick (7.9) and 6-3 senior Pat Murphy (5.2) for the remaining starting positions.

Magee's team stresses defense and the top players in that phase of the game will be the ones to start. A year ago, only one opponent tallied more than 80 points.

EDINBORO STATE

Edinboro turned around one of its worst starts ever last year, streaking to 10 wins in the last 12 games for a 13-9 mark. Coach Jim McDonald hopes for a continuation of that hot pace with return of four regulars.

On hand to pace the attack is 5-10 Roy Stauffer, who averaged 19.5 points, and make 88.2 per cent of his free throw attempts. He'll be joined in the back court by 6-2 Larry Betar, who hit at an 11.9 norm and led the club in assists.

Up front newcomer Charlie Hickox, a transfer from West Virginia, is expected to hold down one spot along with 6-6 Don Gerdich and 6-9 Sam Vickers. Reserve help will come from 6-7 Dale Griffin, 6-7 Ron Beckett, 6-2 Bill Henk, 6-2 Bill Lentz and 6-5 Bob Birner.

SLIPPERY ROCK

Last season, Slippery Rock posted a 23-7 mark and finished fourth in the NAIA championships. Gone are the coach and three starters.

The new boss is Cliff Wettig, and he welcomes back three of the top four scorers. Heading the list of returnees are 6-2 Peyton Tomblin (12.2), 6-5 Denny Kopka (12.0) and 5-11 Owen Long (11.2). Also returning are letter-winners 5-11 Terry Acker (5.0) and 6-4 Greg Munson (3.8).

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EAST STROUDSBURG

With only one starter gone from a 23-4 team, it would appear that East Stroudsburg's hopes for a fourth straight 20-win season would be bright. But replacing three-year playmaker and top scorer Kevin Morrissey will be difficult.

The rest of the Warriors are set with Len Poole (12.2) at the other guard. Morrissey's spot will probably be taken by Charlie Bowen, the top sub. Up front East Stroudsburg will go with Al Keglovits, Mike Reilly and Sam Jacobs.

MONTCLAIR STATE

The Indians of coach Ollie Gelston should make a strong run at the New Jersey State College Athletic Conference title this season.

Six lettermen return, including top scorer Chuck Holland (13.7). Also back are 6-3 Calvin Blue, 5-11 Derek Brown, 6-5 Larry Hughes, 6-4 Jeff Macaulay and 6-0 Jim Rake. Blue, Rake and Brown averaged 7.4, 7.8 and 7.4 points, respectively.

Gelston recruited nine outstanding freshmen—Jeff Edwards, Mike Finley, Eugene Jiminez, John Mannig, Chris Mensing, John Oakes, Jim Reid, Don Scales, and John Sommers.

MERCYHURST

Mercyhurst coach Dick Fox will have no less than 11 lettermen greeting him and add five newcomers, two of whom could immediately step in as starters, as the club opens its new season as favorites to win the NAIA District 18 title.

Up front the Lakers should be tough, led by 6-9 sophomore Jesse Campbell (13.0 points adn 11.3 rebounds, 66 Steve Albert (16.7 points, 11.8 rebounds) and either Mike Emick or transfer Curtis Hixon, who was the leading scorer for Lubbock Christian two years ago.

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HUNTER

The 1973-74 season should be a rebuilding one for Hunter coach Tony Scolnick. After a remarkable 20-5 season in 1971-72, the club fell to 12-12 a year ago. Part of this was due to Reggie Speights. The 6-6 junior, who holds the school record for most points (1,278 in three years) missed last season with a bad back.

Rick Jones (4.7) will team with Greg "Suitcase" Simpson (5.1) in the back court, while Jim McGuire 6.8) figures to be a starter up front.

BLOOMSBURG STATE

A post season tournament bid seems likely for Bloomsburg, which lost only one player from a 20-5 team. The returnees are led by 6-8 John Willis, who hit for 21.4 points and grabbed 15.9 rebounds.

Other top returnees include Tony DeRe (12.5), Joe Kempski (12.5), Gary Taylor (9.9), plus sophomore ball handlers Mike Ognosky and Joe Woods, and 6-6 John Kesseg, 6-4 Dick Grace and 6-4 Ron Keller.

Gary Choyka (9.9) will be given the responsibility of replacing Art Luptowski, the Huskies outstanding back court star.

STATE UNIVERSITY NEW YORK AT PLATTSBURGH

The loss of Don Verkey and Bill Shoen will hurt the Cards but with Jim Perkins (18.3), a 6-6 forward and Bob Finney (15.9) a 6-3 guard, and the help of some juco transfers—Rich Rollins, Clint Mossnar and Rich Berg should help Plattsburgh to, at least equalize last season's mark of 12-10.

CALIFORNIA STATE

With only one returning starter, California State faces the prospects of a long, long season. The back court will be built around the returning starter, 6-1 Augie DiPasquale (14.9). He'll be joined by 6-0 Bill Hughes.

Ed Finfrock, a 6-5 senior, will be the center, with Mike Buckley, a 6-3 sophomore, and John Chuhran, a 6-2 junior at the forwards.

The bench will be limited with 6-5 Joe Henry and 5-10 Lynn Schweneman.

KING'S

King's could be a real surprise among Eastern small colleges this season. Coach Ed Donohue will have a veteran team which overcame all kinds of obstacles last year—including a severe floor—to post a 14-11 mark.

Charlie Galbraith, 6-9, returns at center. He averaged 14.7 points and better than nine rebounds a game. Tom Kenney (13.8), Joe Dougherty (7.4) and Ed Donohue III, son of the coach (9.3) form an excellent nucleus.

Other top performers are Jerry Fallabel (7.7) and Sam Mumaw, a 6-6 junior college transfer.

INDIANA (PA.)

Indiana will have to scramble to surpass its 13-10 mark of last season. The Indians have a quality performer in 6-1 guard Randy Allen, but he can't do it alone.

The best of the returning inside men are 6-5 Gene Gaige (6.7) and Joe Novak (3.3). Freshmen Mike Christensen and Mike Reidmiller, offer new hope. Jeff Lawrence (11.8) is the top hope at forward. He'll probably team with John Guyton.

Allen's running mate in the back court will be Tom Barringer, who missed most of last season with a knee injury, or Mike Fergus, the frosh's leading scorer a year ago.

STATE UNIVERSITY AT BINGHAMPTON

Binghamton coach John Affleck led the Colonials to their first winning season (11-9) since 1968, and most wins since 1962. He lost four starters and returns only Bill Marion (10.4).

Other returning varsity hopefuls are Jerry Mollen Al Zverin, Kelly Porter, Mike Cunningham, Larry Johnson, Joe Comeno, Bob Cohen, Ken Brann and Gary Delprato.

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Rookie coach Gene Roberti starts a rebuilding program at Iona, greeting three starters and the sixth man back from a 6-16 squad. Ray Hyland a 6-7 forward (13.4 points and 12.2 rebounds) and Bernie Socha, a 6-10 senior (8.2 points and 10.9 rebounds) figure to give Roberti a strong front line. Also returning are 6-5 Tom Woodrig (6.4) and 5-11 guard Dennis Bange (7.0).

Leading the newcomers is 6-3 freshman Dave Budd and junior college transfer 6-6 Bernard Thomas. Also figuring in Iona's plans are 6-2 junior Vob McLoughlin and sophomores John Quinn and John Czarnecki.

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Byron Miller, 6-2, led the Danes in scoring (16.7) and rebounding (7.4) as a junior last year. Reggie Smith, a 6-2 senior, returns with his 9.6 scoring average. Harry Johnson averaged 6.0 mostly in a reserve role.

Back court help may come from JV standouts 5-7 Jim Eisenman and 6-3 Rich Kapner and from several highly regarded frosh, Mike Supronowicz and Gary Trevett. Room may also have to be made for 6-4 JC transfer Pete Koola.

LINCOLN (PA.)

Lincoln coach Floyd Laisure will face the prospects of a rebuilding year, following the graduation of two 20-point plus scorers last season

Likely starters are Charles Johnson, Emanuel "Chuck" Henders, George "Buck" Tiller, Mallory Sanford and Christopher Bowen.

The top frosh recruits are Sam Davis, Cedric Powell and Curtis Yarbrough. Lincoln was 17-8 last year.

MARIST

Ron Petro starts his eighth season with eight players on hand who saw a lot of action last season when Marist was 15-12 and earned a berth in the NAIA playoffs.

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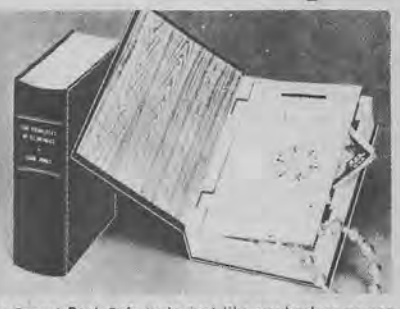

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UNION

Finding a new front court will be the major task for Union College coach Gary Walters. Top prospects are last season's front line reserves 6-4 Tom Combs (5.7), 6-4 Charlie Gugliotta (5.4), while 6-3 Steve Kelly leads a host of candidates up from the 14-1 frosh team.

The back court starters 6-2 Chuck Abba (9.7) and 5-8 John Denio (7.1) return but should be pressed by 5-9 Luke Dillon, who missed most of last year with an injury and by 5-11 Bill Carmody, a starter two years ago, who sat out last season with a knee injury.

SOUTHAMPTON

Southampton has its top three scorers back from last season when the team was 17-9.

The returnees are Neal Meacham (13.0 points and 21.8 rebounds), Ted Wood (12.7 points and 8.4 rebounds and Brad McAlester (7.7). Also back is Harold Fryer (4.8).

The best of the newcomers are Tony Crandle and Qent Washington.

ST. FRANCIS

New coach Jack Prenderville has hopes of turning around the 8-16 mark compiled by St. Francis (NY) a year ago. He has a good combination of youth and experience led by 6-7 senior Dennis McDermott (24.1).

Two freshmen who started figure to have gained experience. Center Jerome Williams (9.4 points and 8.0 rebounds) and 6-2 guard Bob Hannafin (9.5) should be better with maturity. Other top returnees include 6-5 forward Jack McCue (9.0), 5-9 Mike Rivera (9.5) and 6-0 Ron Jones (8.5).

Three top scorers from the JVs figure prominently—6-5 Bob Trapp, 6-4 Ed Solomon and 6-0 Mike Morris.

CHENEY

Cheney State, which allowed only 63.1 points a game last year while posting a 23-5 mark, appears headed toward its 10th consecutive NCAA post season bid. Coach John Chaney will go with a veteran club which has 6-10 Bill Allen (7.8) at center, 6-9 Vince Ellison (16.3 points and 11.2 rebounds) and 6-5 Leon Bell (10.7) at the forwards. and 6-3 Al Slade and 6-3 Greg Jones, the latter one of the top prep players in Pennsylvania a year ago.

The Wolves also recruited two other fine prospects, McKinley Walker and Kennard Lacey.

GANNON

Gannon coach Dave Markey lost three starters from last season's 17-9 mark. However, he does return the top two scorers in 6-6 Gerald Walker (23.7) and 6-5 Mark Murray (11.6) Walker also led the club with 12.5 rebounds.

Senior Dave Stoczynski, a 6-5 forward, is back after missing a year with injuries. He averaged 14.9 points as a junior. There's only one experienced guard, 5-11 Marcel Arribi (7.5).

Markey recruited several fine freshmen, including 6-5 Fate Harris, who will have to play. Others are 6-2 Leo Blanks, 6-4 Neal Stoczynski, 6-6 Doug Hobbs and 6-7 Bill Parker.

MILLERSVILLE

Millersville had an excellent 15-9 campaign in 1972-73. The Marauder team will miss scoring leader Dick McKim and 6-10 center Mike Fry, but there appears to be enough help around to minimize the losses.

Frank Gantz (14.9) and playmaker Glenn Kamen will team at guard with either 6-7 Craig Wagaman or 6-5 Bill Zimmerman moving in at center. The forwards are Steve Drummer (13.5) and Ray Davis (9.5). The top frosh are Steve Szedlmayer and Butch Garrison.

WIDENER

Widener, with seven lettermen (including three starters) and some fine freshman talent available, stands an excellent chance of gaining a Middle Atlantic Conference Southern Division playoff berth for the sixth straight year.

The returnees are 6-6 Dennis Woodbury, 6-4 Jamie Hargado, 6-1 Jim Coyle—the starters, and lettermen reserves 6-6 Tom Mann, 5-11 Pat Knapp, 6-1 Phil Martelli and 6-7 Jesse Staten.

Also expected to join in the battle are varsity holdover 6-4 Roger Donaphon, 6-7 Tom Murphy and 6-4 Craig Young. The top newcomer is 6-6 sophomore Brad Long, called the best prospect to ever enroll at Widener.

UTICA

Seven lettermen are back for Utica and the addition of five prospects from the JV ranks offer hopes that Utica can gain a winning season. The club was 11-15 a year ago.

Lettermen include Rick Williams (15.0), Bill Davis, Harry Spann, Bert Tamer, Rick Kessler, Kevin Wolfe and Bob Cloutier.

The JV prospects are Joe Montgomery, Bruce Stymer, Charles Gardner, Alphonso Reid and Bob Hill.

DOWLING

Dowling coach Dick Berg faces a rebuilding job this season, following the loss of his top three scorers from a 23-9 club. A great deal of the success will depend on 6-5 Larry Bates, who averaged 10 points a game.

Berg has two other top returning prospects, 5-8 Ed Fabian, and 6-3 Jim Sgritto, plus three newcomers—6-6 Paul Krabbeler and 6-1 Sam Taylor, by way of the junior colleges, and 6-5 Bob Kaible, an outstanding freshman prospect.

Defense will, once again, be the key. Last year the "Golden Lions" ranked fourth in nation with a 55 point per game average.

TRENTON STATE

Trenton State could be a contender for the New Jersey State College Conference title, with all but one player back from last year's 12-14 team.

Leading the returnees is 6-4 Roger Bigos, who averaged 11.0 points and nearly seven rebounds a game. He'll start up front with 6-6 Bob Godsey (7.9) and 6-2 Frank Burg, a transfer from Burlington County College where he hit for 28.9 points a game.

In the back court it will be 6-2 Art Bobik (9.1 points and a club high of 114 assists) and 5-10 Nate Palmer (5.8).

Two freshmen—6-4 Ray Smith and 5-9 Bob Ryan—should help too, as do Bob Hutchinson, Mike Bobiak, Tom Browne, Bill Pfieffer, Nate Palmer and Tony Fortson.

MONMOUTH

Monmouth has the talent to be consiidered a favorite for the NAIA District 31 title and a trip to Kansas City. Expected to start are 6-7 Jeff Rush, 6-1 Gary Massa, 6-10 Bill Faix, 6-7 Don Kleber and 5-8 Marc Merlo.

There are excellent frosh recruits, too, 6-5 Bobby Mazio, 6-8 Bill Donlon, 6-5 Larry Trapani, 6-1½ Kevin Kiely and 6-1 Mike Kenny.

HARTWICK

The Hartwick squad which was seeded #1 in last year's New York State pre-tourney ratings, lost two players to graduation. However the addition of guard Willie McBride, a senior transfer, and the return of Reggie Rothwell, injured last season, should more than take up the slack.

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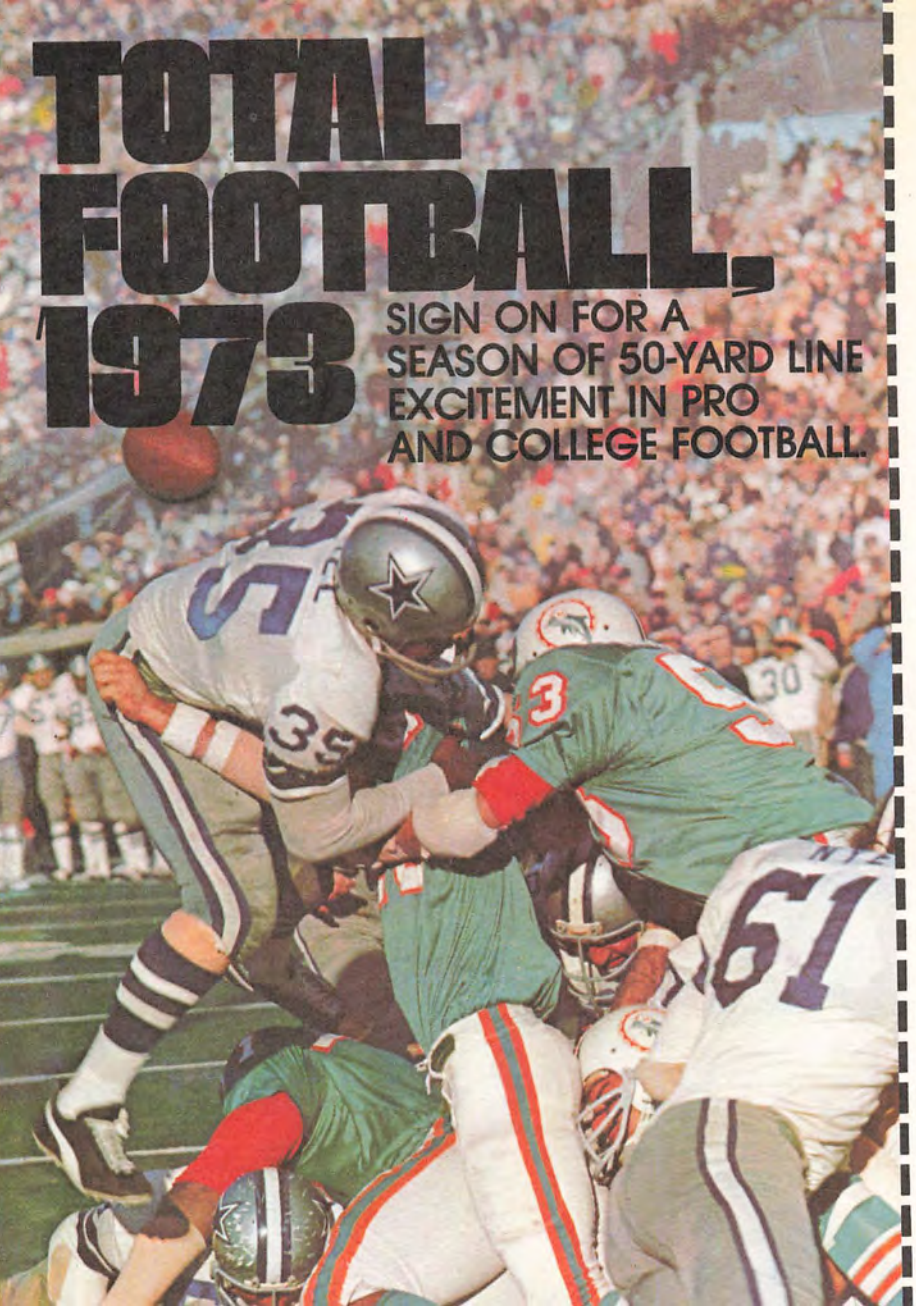

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